

THE WEATHER.

Fair Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; light to moderate north-west to north winds.

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PRINCE ALBERT BELGIUM KING

New Ruler Acclaimed by
Thousands at Brussels
Yesterday.

SUCCEEDS KING LEOPOLD

Impressive Scene in Parliament When
Oath to the Throne Was Taken.
Pledges of the New Monarch—Notable Event.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Prince Albert, son of the late Prince Philippe, count of Flanders, was crowned King of the Belgians today, assuming the title of Albert I. With his Queen, Elizabeth, and their sons, Princes Leopold and Charles, the new King rode in state from Laeken to the Parliament, acclaimed by thousands along the gaily decorated streets.

The oath of office was administered before a joint session of the House of Parliament, and the feeble attempt of the socialists to sound a discordant note was drowned by the cheering of the King's loyal supporters.

In his speech from the throne King Albert said: "I pledge myself to do my duty scrupulously and to concentrate all my strength and devote my whole life to the service of the fatherland."

Tonight the city is alive with lights and merry dancing, contrary to custom with the depression and signs of mourning that prevailed immediately following the death of Leopold. But the explanation is to be found in the personal popularity of King Albert and his Queen, and the high position they hold in the esteem of nations.

The scene in the House of Parliament, where the oath to the throne was taken was impressive. Here the new monarch made an address destined by its democratic tone and unequivocal expressions on the great question of the Belgian Congo, to attract the attention of the world. Colonialism should mean civilization, said the King. The nation desired a policy of humanity and progress in the Congo and no one had a right to doubt her promise that such a policy would be maintained.

Preceded by Queen Elizabeth and the two little Princes, Leopold and Charles, who occupied the royal coach, Albert made a joyous entry into the city. The King was mounted upon a spirited charger and made a striking picture in the gold and white uniform of a general.

Standing before the assemblage of brilliantly uniformed princes and foreign representatives, bishops and senators, the new monarch pledged himself to work for the social advancement of the nation and the elevation of the moral and intellectual standard of the people. He would seek, he said, to develop the system of popular education and labor unceasingly for the general well being of the masses. He said a high tribute to Leopold II, and the latter's policy in opening the Congo to Belgian activity. Intimates of the King informed the Associated Press today that the new monarch proposed to apply himself with all the resources at his command to the solution of the Congo situation, and the development of that dependency. It is his great ambition to justify in the eyes of the world the sovereignty of Belgium over the Congo.

Honored the Dead King.
Washington, Dec. 23.—In the presence of the President of the United States, members of his official family and a full representation of the diplomatic corps, regular high mass for the repose of the soul of his late Majesty Leopold II, King of Belgium, was sung today at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church in this city. The celebrant of the mass was Rev. Edward L. Buckley, pastor of St. Matthew's church. Monsignor Falconi, apostolic delegate, assisted and gave the absolution at the end of the service.

POET WILLIAM WATSON.

Brother Says He Is Insane, Wife Doesn't Realize It.
New York, Dec. 23.—Robinson Watson, in a statement telegraphed to New York from Montreal today, states that his brother William Watson, is insane although the poet's wife who is with him, is unaware of her husband's mental condition. Mrs. Watson cabled from Havana yesterday that "Robinson Watson's message to the World yesterday is a wicked attempt to ruin my husband." The brother replies today as follows: "It is not surprising that Mrs. William Watson has cabled an angry message. There probably will be worse to come, and still worse, until she fully apprehends the whole truth. A sad feature of the situation is that she has been ignorant of the events of 1892."

"When the long statement about the Asquiths compelled me to recognize clearly what others were beginning to perceive, I immediately went to New York and finding my worst fears confirmed, endeavored during four consecutive days to get an opportunity of speaking alone with Mrs. Watson, but no such opportunity could be obtained and I left without having given her the slightest intimation."

BIG BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED

Utah, Navy's Most Powerful, Launched at Camden Yesterday—Christened by Governor's Daughter—Built in Nine Months.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Uncle Sam's greatest battleship, the Utah, was launched today at Camden, N. J. The fighting leviathan slid down the ways as Mary Alice Spry, youngest daughter of Governor Spry, of Utah, cracked a bottle of champagne on the armor plate and christened her.

The big hull dipped into the water and glided from the ways as nicely as if a superhuman hand had plicked her up and dropped her into the water. A half dozen tugs in waiting darted out and made lines to the ship and towed her back to the moorings.

A multitude that crowded to every vantage point saw the launching. The workmen were nearly an hour knocking away the blocking that was between the new fighting ship and the sea. Members of the Mormon church sat upon a platform built for them near the prow of the ship.

When the launching was all over Senator Reed Smoot turned to the Mormon elders and said: "It may be a coincidence, but it is a happy one that the launching of this ship should take place on the anniversary of the birth of Joseph Smith."

Senator George Sutherland also of Utah was present. Governor Fort of New Jersey was one of the guests.

A record in construction was made in the building of the Utah. Nineteen months and eight days elapsed from the laying of her keel to her launching.

"Skewed or Nuthin."
The Utah is the first of the all-big gun type of the battleship fleet of the United States to be launched. When completed she will be more powerful than the Delaware and North Dakota of the Dreadnought class and has been dubbed by members of Congress the "skewed or nuthin." The Utah has a length on the load water line of 510 feet, or 521 1/2 feet over all, and a beam of 33 feet, 2 inches. Her draught will be 28 1/2 feet; displacement 21,825 tons, or 2,000 tons greater than the Delaware and North Dakota, and her speed is expected to develop 20 3/4 knots or more an hour.

There will be ten 12-inch breech loaders in her main armament mounted in five turrets on the central line of the ship. Two of the turrets will be forward one amidship, and two aft. Each turret will be protected by armor 8 and 12 inches thick and will be supplied with ammunition by electric hoists from the magazines and shell rooms immediately below. The entire handling of the guns will be done by electric motors.

Sixteen 5-inch guns protected by armor of medium thickness will be provided for defense against torpedo boat attacks.

Close sub division and strong bulkheads will form additional protection against mine and torpedo explosions. The Utah also will be fitted with two submerged torpedo tubes and will have ten small guns for boat service, and saluting purposes.

The main armor belt of the great ship will be about eight feet wide with an average thickness of 10 inches. Above this will be another belt of an average thickness of nine inches, and still higher will be the armor protecting the secondary battery and funnel bases. Each barbette will be made of armor varying from four to 10 inches in thickness and will protect the entire ammunition handling machinery for the 12-inch guns in the turrets above.

Ten turbines, six for ahead and four for astern, capable of developing 23,000 horse power will be installed. Steam will be supplied by twelve water tube boilers and coal or oil may be used for fuel. The smoke stacks on the ship will extend 70 feet above the water line. The Utah will be fitted for a flagship and her complement as such will consist of a crew of 1,000 of whom 60 will be officers.

While the Utah will have no equal when completed she will not hold that proud position long, as the naval programme following the one which called for two ships of the Utah class, provides for vessels that will be considerably heavier.

These latter ships will mount two or more 12-inch guns than the Utah and will have a heavier secondary battery.

TRAGEDY AT CORDELE, GA.

Policeman Facing Death Shoots and Kills Death Dealer.
Cordele, Ga., Dec. 23.—W. P. Tripp, a stock dealer here, was shot and killed this morning by Policeman W. P. Kendal, in the latter's bedroom at his home. Tripp was arrested by the officer last night on a charge of drunkenness and spent several hours in the city jail. Smarting under his incarceration and what he regarded as the officer's inconsiderate treatment, Tripp went to Kendal's home, was admitted by Mrs. Kendal and then walked into the officer's bedroom. Tripp told Kendal he was not treated right by the latter last night and exhibiting a pistol remarked, "You had the advantage of me then, but I've got it now and you might as well get ready to die."

Instantly Kendal, who was lying in bed, flashed two revolvers and fired nine shots in quick succession, killing Tripp instantly.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Fireworks and Toys at Rehder's

Fourth Street bridge and under Bonitz Hotel.

UNCLE SAM WILL AID SUFFERING

"Bread, Instead of Bullets"
For Both Armies in
Nicaragua.

STARVATION IS THREATENED

Horrible State of Affairs, as Result of Recent Battle, Told by American Consul—State Department Gives Warning.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Following a preliminary warning to President Madrid that the United States will hold personally responsible for the safety of Americans in the western part of Nicaragua, the State Department tonight extended more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists.

Under orders from Secretary Knox, American Red Cross funds, are to be expended in caring for the sick and wounded troops of both the Estrada and Zelaya armies, more than 2,000 of whom are incapacitated in Bluefields.

This move on the part of the United States is expected to be more efficacious than the dispatch of a strong force. "Bread, instead of bullets" is the watchword of the State Department, and it is generally believed that the prospects of food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

According to the latest reports, the medical corps of the various war vessels now at Bluefields has installed hospitals ashore where scores are being cared for. The processions of sick and wounded men through the towns is said to be pitiful and although Estrada is doing everything in his power to relieve the suffering his resources are meagre.

With a view of relieving the situation, Secretary Knox tonight consulted with the American Red Cross and immediately afterwards dispatched the following dispatch to Thomas H. Moffat, United States Consul at Bluefields: "The American National Red Cross will telegraph you tomorrow, the 24th 35,000 and they will send an other 25,000 if needed. Navy Department has instructed Captain Shipley to land whatever surplus supplies can be furnished from our ships now at Bluefields, and orders will be given to the Pacific mail at Colon to transport immediately to Bluefields, from the stores Panama canal commissary department, such supplies as you may ask for within the limit of \$5,000 to be cabled you Shipley in the distribution of supplies, payment for all of which, both those landed from ships at Bluefields and those sent from Colon, will be recouped from Red Cross fund."

The dispatch of this telegram followed close on the receipt of a report from Consul Moffat depicting the state of affairs in Bluefields. His story of the suffering of the defeated Zelaya soldiers was brief, but graphic. Incidentally, he reported that more than 900 men were killed on both sides in the recent battle at Rama.

The dispatch follows: "Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary, cowering through the streets is horrible; they are mere boys. The emergency hospital established by the Des Moines and Tacoma contains 90 wounded, the city hospital 60. Few of the surrendered army had shoes or blankets.

"Scores were almost naked. All are in a pitiable condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starving Zelaya soldiers. Disease and death threatens, unless they are properly given best of food and care."

The great and sudden demand for proper clothing and food for the suffering is a problem for the provisional government whose resources are exhausted, their own men numbering 3,000 are well fed and clothed, but they cannot find means whereby to care for their increased burden.

"I have discussed the seriousness of the situation fully with Captain Shipley and I believe and suggest that a ship should be sent to Colon immediately to bring here sufficient quantities of the provisions enumerated to feed 2,000 men for 30 days. Present situation threatens starvation and disease. It is estimated now that over 900 were killed on both sides."

Orders were issued tonight to the Pacific to be in readiness to sail from Colon with supplies.

COLLINS SENT TO PRISON.

Believed to Have Headed Clever Gang of Swindlers in South.
New Orleans, Dec. 23.—John L. Collins, recently convicted of forging several checks and charged by the police with heading a clever gang of swindlers who have been operating in the South, was today sentenced to serve 14 years in the State penitentiary. Collins was wanted on similar charges in a score or more of cities throughout the country.

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Fourth Street bridge and under Bonitz Hotel.

A FATAL MINE DISASTER

Eight Men Were Killed and 400 Had Narrow Escapes at Herrin, Ill. Open Lamps Caused Explosion—Details.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Eight men were killed and 400 others had narrow escapes in an explosion of gas in Mine A. of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal Company, at Herrin, Ill., late today. Open lamps carried by employees of the mine are believed to have caused the disaster. There were three men and a boy in this party and all are dead.

James Guinney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the black damp which flowed into the chambers adjoining the men went into the workings.

After sending to the surface three unconscious persons the rescuers next found the bodies of Snyder, Grecco and Romeo.

The efforts of the rescuers to penetrate deeply into the workings were repulsed by increasing banks of after-damp, and they were forced to retreat leaving the bodies of Pierce and his companions.

Fire also began to gain headway and it is not expected that the bodies can be recovered before tomorrow. Tonight all efforts being directed towards fighting the flames.

News of the disaster spread through Herrin and there was a rush of hysterical women and crying children to the shaft-house.

The damage to the mine cannot yet be accurately estimated. The colliery is one of the oldest in this section and few accidents have occurred in it.

Pierce, the engineer, who lost his life, formerly was a Federal inspector of government work on the Mississippi river.

"DIXIE" BEATS ALL OTHERS.

Officially Proclaimed First American Song in Music and Popularity.
Washington, Dec. 23.—"Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed as first in American songs and music in "patriotic popularity."

Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the Library of Congress, who has just issued from the Government press an extensive report on the popularity of American musical compositions. "Yankee Doodle" though no longer a National song, is still a National air, and second only to "Dixie" in the popularity contest.

The origin and evolution of "Yankee Doodle," "Star Spangled Banner," "Hail Columbia," and "America" are traced in full detail in Mr. Sonneck's volume.

He has furnished as far as possible a correct version of both text and music of all four pieces. Facsimiles of the original manuscript are reproduced in the volume.

The history of "Yankee Doodle" is described as "a perfect mass of conflicting stories" and countless additions to and variations from the original. As many as 14 variations of the "Star Spangled Banner" are noted, accompanied by a gradual process of polishing and modification. The year in which "America" was first sung in public is fixed at 1832, but the exact place and date was not definitely ascertained. "Hail Columbia" is described as a product of the United States in both words and music, in contradistinction to "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner" both of which partly originated in England. Mr. Sonneck's volume is not for free distribution.

MAGNOLIA RACE TROUBLE.

Militia Took Two Men to Selma for Safe Keeping.
Selma, Ala., Dec. 23.—Lieut. Col. J. E. Carter and a detachment from the Selma company of the State militia returned today from Magnolia, the scene of the race trouble earlier this week, in charge of two negroes, and two white men, who were said to have been ring leaders in the trouble. Sheriff Grant requested that the negroes be brought here for safe keeping. Thirty-eight other negroes are held in the jail at Linden.

OUTLINES.

The State Department has instructed the American National Red Cross Society to care for the sick and wounded troops of both the Estrada and Zelaya armies in Nicaragua. Starvation is threatened as a result of the recent battle.—The Utah, the Navy's greatest battleship of the dreadnought class, was launched yesterday at Camden, N. J., and was christened by Governor Spry's daughter.—W. Gould Brokaw, took the stand yesterday in his own behalf, and swore that his father-in-law threatened his life. This was another sensational feature of the divorce suit.—The committee appointed to report on Dr. Cook's claims, in regard to his reaching the summit of Mt. McKinley, will discredit the explorer.—Nine men were killed in a mine disaster at Herrin, Ill., yesterday.—New York markets: Money on call firm 3 to 5 7/8 per cent, ruling rate 5 1/2, closing bid 5, offered at 5; flour unchanged; wheat spot firm, No. 2 red 1.27 1/2 nominal elevator domestic and 1.27 nominal in charge; Dec. 2, 1909, corn easy, No. 2, 70 1/2 elevator domestic 70 3/4 delivered and 68 1/2 f. o. b. float nominal; oats spot firm; cotton quiet, middling uplands 15 7/8; middling gulf 16.00; rosin quiet, turpentine firm.

We had rather have dollars than

dolls at Gaylord's. This is the last day. (A word to the wise is sufficient.)

BROKAW TOLD OF THREAT TO KILL

Brings Out Another Sensational Feature in Divorce Trial.

DEFENDANT GOOD WITNESS

Declares His Father-in-Law Made Threat—Told of Their Married Life—Contradicted Wife's Testimony—Trial.

New York, Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw, whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year, took the stand in his own defense today and swore in the court room at Mineola, L. I., that his father-in-law, Joseph A. Blair, had threatened to kill him because he loved her too much. When he told Mrs. Brokaw of this threat she laughed and said: "Don't mind father, Billy; he's crazy."

Mr. Brokaw described the night when his wife took poison. In minute detail his lawyer led him through the two years of their married life with painstaking attention to the charges of drunkenness, cruelty and abusive language brought against him in the testimony of his wife.

Brokaw made a good witness. His attitude was easy and his answers were ready and firm. Mrs. Brokaw was ashy pale. Her head tossed scornfully when her husband's testimony contradicted her own.

"The time when Mrs. Brokaw said I was drunk," he testified, "my face was flushed from a long walk or drive."

He had never struck his wife. "I never struck anyone in my life," he swore. "Mrs. Brokaw knows I could not harm her."

Admitted to the Lie.
He admitted that he had called his wife a liar. "Yes," he said, "I called her a liar, but not until she had called me a d— liar. I had been out and when I came back bringing her flowers, she accused me of meeting some woman. I denied it. She said I lied and I had to tell her the same."

Brokaw swore that his wife had smoked cigarettes before their marriage and that she had promised him to stop it. He had never seen her drink cocktails, but he had understood from the servants that cocktails were taken to her home on the sly.

"Will you tell the court of your drinking agreement with your wife?" asked John F. McIntyre, his counsel.

"Yes," answered Brokaw. "We wanted to mix ginger ale with variated water until it was the exact color of champagne. I wished to appear to drink with my guests and yet to not drink. This mixture bubbled and yet was harmless. I have used it for years. I do not recall any scene following an incident at table when a guest had changed his wife's glass so that she got real champagne and not the imitation. 'If Mrs. Brokaw drank champagne she was the only one who knew it,' he testified."

Shown a list of objectionable names which Mrs. Brokaw said her husband had applied to her when angry, Mr. Brokaw said:

"Of course I do not use such language."

The "Poison Night."
"Tell us what happened on the so-called poison night?" directed Mr. McIntyre.

"On that night," complied the witness, "I had the Marquis Hermosa and others to dinner. Mrs. Brokaw did not come down. After dinner I went to her room and knocked. She did not answer. Then I said: 'Mary, I want to come in.' She did not answer. Finally I pushed in the door. She was furious. I told her I only wanted to kiss her good night and left."

"When I came upstairs again Mrs. Brokaw was not in her room. I could not find her, and got a nurse to help me hunt. After a search, the nurse called to me from a room at one end of the hall. I got there just in time to see the nurse struggling to take something out of Mrs. Brokaw's mouth. It was some kind of a white tablet. I screamed, 'my God, she's dead.'"

"Did you do anything to cause her to take poison?"

"Absolutely nothing."

Denial after denial of assertions made by his wife in her testimony was obtained from Mr. Brokaw by his attorney.

Threat to Kill Again.

Regarding an incident said to have occurred while the couple were at Atlantic City, Mr. Brokaw was asked: "Did you tell your wife that her father had threatened to kill you if you did not behave yourself?"

"Yes," was Mr. Brokaw's reply.

He objected to her returning to Atlantic City after that, but she went," he testified. He followed her "because he was lonesome" as he expressed it.

There was another quarrel and a separation at Atlantic City. When he went back to New York he found Mrs. Brokaw at the Savoy. He bought a bunch of violets, and going to the hotel near midnight, placed the flowers on the bed beside his wife.

"This is my coffin," was her remark. Mr. Brokaw said, and she followed it up by saying she did not want "my flowers or me either." Asked if he made any other remark, Mr. Brokaw

SUPREME COURT ADJOURNS

Opinions in Thirty Appeals Delivered Yesterday and Recess for Term. State Architects Close Sessions—Wrightsville.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court took a recess this afternoon until January 8th, when the justices resume work to complete the preparation of opinions in remaining cases argued during the 16-weeks of the present term. Before a recess was taken today opinion were delivered in 30 appeals as follows:

State vs. McLeod, defendant, new trial; Dawson vs. Ennett, Craven, affirmed; State vs. Green, Franklin, error; Parker vs. Griffith, Union, reversed; Younts vs. Commissioners, Union, affirmed; Lloyd vs. Railway, Orange, reversed; Cates vs. W. U. Tel. Co., Alamance, new trial; Bradshaw vs. High Point, Guilford, affirmed; Kirkman vs. Hodgin, Guilford, affirmed; Graeber vs. Side, Rowan, affirmed; Teeter vs. Mfg. Co., Cabarrus, affirmed; Trull vs. Railway, Mecklenburg, affirmed; State vs. Fowler, Polk, affirmed; Luckey vs. Tel. Co., McDowell, affirmed; Hardware Co. vs. Graded School, Burke, affirmed; Burgin vs. Smith, Burke, reversed in both appeals; Wright vs. Railway, Yancey, affirmed; Moore vs. Moore, Henderson, new trial; Wilkie vs. Jr., O. U. A. M., Rutherford, new trial; Power vs. Water Commissioners, Transylvania, reversed; Curtis vs. Railway, Buncombe, reversed; Cathey vs. Lumber Co., Graham, affirmed; Colvard vs. Railway, Swain, affirmed; Bush vs. Lumber Co., Swain, new trial; Howell vs. Howell, Haywood, affirmed; Phillips vs. Lumber Co., Graham, affirmed; Cozad vs. McAden, Graham, the court being evenly divided in opinion, (Hoke J., not sitting) the judgment below stands affirmed; State vs. McCall, Richmond, dismissed, want proper order to appeal in forma pauperis; State vs. Lavenix, Richmond, dismissed for want of proper order to appeal in forma pauperis.

A FOOTBALL SCANDAL.

Joy Miller, of University of Michigan, Declared Ineligible.
Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 23.—Prof. George W. Patterson, chairman of the Board in Control of Athletics at the University of Michigan, today declared Captain-elect Joy Miller, of the football team ineligible, and addressed letters of apology to Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Marquette, Notre Dame and Syracuse universities. Michigan's opponents in games which Miller played with Michigan during last season. He said tonight:

"As the matter stands any of the teams Michigan defeated during the year now has the right of protest and may ask that the game be declared 'no game' or its result reversed. We are expecting some such action."

"The whole university is sick about the business. The board in an effort to find some extenuating circumstances or elicit some explanation from Mr. Miller has kept the matter quiet until today. Though Miller was required our requests for an interview it is quite probable the faculty will have an interesting session with him should he come to Ann Arbor."

The question of Miller's eligibility came under the observation of Dean Cooley, of the engineering department of the University two weeks ago. Miller was then absent from Ann Arbor and a letter requesting his appearance before the board in control brought no reply. It was given out today that Miller appeared before the eligibility committee during the season and signed a statement that he was a bona fide student and eligible to play on the team. The action against him was taken upon the ground that while he had registered in the engineering department, he had not been enrolled in any classes until after the close of the football season, when he induced several professors to accept his enrollment tentatively with the understanding that he would make up the work that he had missed. Miller is now in Detroit.

COLORED WOMAN BURNED.

Horrible Affair Near Fayetteville on Wednesday Afternoon.
Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 23.—Elsie Easter, a colored girl, 10 years old, was terribly burned yesterday afternoon and is lying between life and death. She was housekeeper for Walter McKay, colored, who lives near the silk mills, and in some way her dress caught on fire and before help reached her she had been terribly burned.

replied: "She said she was going to get a divorce and marry another man."

That made him so angry that on this occasion she believed he did go back to his club, order his clothes packed and got ready for removal. He finally signed a separation agreement with Mrs. Brokaw on February 21, 1908, he said.

WILL DISCREDIT DR. COOK AGAIN

Committee Will Make Unfavorable Repor on Mt. McKinley Claim.

DID NOT REACH ITS SUMMIT

Brother of Explorer Believes He Has Met With Foul Play—Report From Copenhagen Sent to American Society.

New York, Dec. 23.—The report of the special committee which investigated Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims to have reached the summit of Mt. McKinley, will be delivered to the board of governors of the Explorers' Club tomorrow. While the investigators will not now divulge the text of the report, they do not deny that it discredits Dr. Cook's claims and such a verdict has been generally anticipated.

William L. Cook declared today that he believed his brother, Dr. Frederick Cook, had met foul play abroad, and he feared that he had been murdered.

"I had a letter from Dr. Cook early this week," said the brother, "in which he said he was hurrying to Copenhagen with his proofs of having reached the North Pole. He should have reached Copenhagen before this, and as he had been threatened with violence I fear that his enemies have overtaken him."

Copenhagen's Report.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The report of the University of Copenhagen adverse to the claim of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to the attainment of the North Pole is now on its way to this country for the guidance of the scientific investigators of the case here.

A cablegram was received today from the University by Prof. J. Howard Gore, chairman of the sub-committee appointed by the National Geographic Society, to conduct the investigation under the auspices of that organization announces that the university had forwarded its report to the submission of the original observations. That report will be considered by the sub-committee, but on the tions of Dr. Cook, the field note book which he kept on his Arctic travel, as he says, will hinge the verdict of the sub-committee. The meeting of the sub-committee will be held probably during the first week of January.

The principal element figuring in the deferment of the meeting of the sub-committee until the first of the year is the disposition to give Dr. Cook every possible opportunity to present his observations.

The sub-committee in case it fails to receive the original data, will not go out of its way to condemn Dr. Cook on merits, but will report that he failed to produce any papers that proved he reached the pole. "He has a perfect right to withhold them," according to one statement today, "and there is no compulsion in the matter."

The society's request for his original data was made personally to Dr. Cook's friend, Mr. Wake, in New York City.

Action of Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—The University of Copenhagen having received no communication from Dr. Frederick A. Cook since its edict was rendered, no longer expecting to hear anything further from the explorer, Dr. Salomonson, rector of the University, said today that he was convinced that Dr. Cook would remain in hiding as long as possible. He believes that Dr. Cook is in Europe.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—No trace can be found of Dr. Cook, either here or at Antwerp, but there is a possibility that he left Ostend by steamer last night for Dover.

Gold Medal to Peary.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Chicago Geographic Society has awarded the Helen Culver gold medal to Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., for distinguishing services in exploration.

The medal will be presented at the annual dinner of the society here January 26th.

Bowdoin Will Honor Peary.

Brunswick, Me., Dec. 23.—The "supreme achievement" of her distinguished alumnus in reaching the North Pole will be celebrated at the close of the Bowdoin College year. This announcement was made today at chapel by President Hyde, who took occasion to speak on the vindication which he said has come to Commander Peary.

"Bowdoin College has never had a moment's doubt of either the genuineness of his achievement or the justice of his judgment," said President Hyde in referring to Commander Peary.

View of the Scientists.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Schley's demand that Commander Peary submit his Polar data to the Consistory of the University of Copenhagen for verification, following that body's repudiation of Dr. Cook, has raised a storm among the membership of the National Geographic Society, which gave Peary a clean bill of health.

The leading members claim that the scientists of the United States would be demeaning themselves if they acknowledged that their findings needed verification. There seems to

be no disposition to withhold from the Copenhagen board the data filed by Peary, but there is a well defined opposition against turning it over to the Danish scientists for official action.

The argument advanced by Admiral Schley that such examination would remove all question of doubt from the claim of Peary have been found inapplicable by American scientists and, therefore, the question is not whether Peary is right, but whether the scientists are wrong.

"Nothing can be gained by submitting Commander Peary's data to the University of Copenhagen," said Prof. Gannett, who was chairman of the committee that passed upon Peary's proofs, "and I don't see any reason why he should."

Rear Admiral Chester, who attacked Cook's data some time ago denounced the proposition of Admiral Schley as "absurd." He declared he did not believe that the University of Copenhagen would consider making a request for the proofs, and that the whole matter was a mere nest. He also drew attention to the fact that the Royal Geographical Society of England and the Geographical Society of Berlin had already acknowledged Peary as the discoverer of the pole and that the latter society had planned to honor Peary in Berlin next year. Also he touched upon the verdict of the Duc d'Abuzzi, himself an explorer of no small fame, that Peary had placed foot on the apex of the world, as additional proof of the command of Admiral Schley might well be ignored.

Cook Not Honored by King.

Washington, Dec. 23.—That Dr. Cook was not decorated by the King of Denmark, as has been generally supposed is the substance of a statement made here tonight by Dr. Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark. Dr. Egan, who is on a leave of absence from his post, is spending the holidays in Washington.

Contrary to the general accepted opinion, Dr. Cook was not decorated by the King, said Dr. Egan tonight. "The King had his decoration back awaiting the decision of the University of Copenhagen."

The honorary degree the University conferred upon Dr. Cook and the medal which the Royal Geographical Society, of Denmark, gave to him were not for his supposed discovery of the pole, but for his previous achievements in polar exploration. He will not be asked to return those honors.

"If Commander Peary had appeared in Copenhagen a short time after he discovered the pole he would have received a reception equally enthusiastic from the King and the people."

CHRISTMAS ON THE "POINT."

Weather Bracingly Cool and Yule Log Being Cut—Cooking the Cakes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 23.—The weather is bracingly cool; the very atmosphere has a Christmas odor with the cooking of fruit cake, Sally white, Rocky Mountain roll, jelly and other cakes. Tomorrow will be the day for plum puddings, turkeys, goose and the old fat hen roastings. The stores are decorated and in sympathy with the Christmas spirit; the old folks with the children are shopping; the men folks are getting suspicious looking packages from the express office; the invoices reads Petersburg money. Large shipments of presents have left Rocky Point. Within the past ten days over 10,000 bushels have gone to market.—The "Told-you-soes" are pointing the finger at us disciples of Dr. Cook. Our school teacher says neither Cook nor Peary have been there.—The pretty school marm is coming in going to the homes.—A rich intellectual feast is promised Saturday night. Miss Sarah Peck Hines, of Columbia College of Elouation, will render her best selections at the Academy of Music. At the same time our best local talent will render fine musical selections.

A recent letter from Col. A. M. Wad informs me of his valuable new coming book, "A History of New Hanover County and The Lower Cape Fear Region," which will be read by the people of Pender with much relish since Rocky Point and vicinity was once the theatre of that strong Revolutionary sentiment and action that in the end prevailed. The home of the Ashes, Cutlers, Cowans, DeRosets, Lances, Hyams, Moores, Mosleys, Walkers, Swans and many other names who made history in those days. The names given many of those original plantations will never be changed and their fertility is remarkable, producing fine staple crops of peanuts, cotton and corn.—The oysters, celery and turkey have arrived and the yule log is being cut.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RELEASES.

Baseball Players Released to Leagues—From Three Cities.

New York, Dec. 23.—The following releases have been approved by the National League: By Boston: (Unconditionally, Alfred Shaw; to Sioux City (W. L.) Fred B. Stem.

By Cincinnati to Fort Wayne, Pearl Stanley and Carl Manda; (E. S.) James A. LaFitte; to Buffalo (E. L.) C. K. Carmichael and John DuBus.

By Brooklyn to Mobile (S. L.) Jos. E. Dunn and George E. Bittorf; to Milwaukee (A. A.) Wilbur Schardt; to Chattanooga (S. L.) Forbes Alook and Fred Miller; to New Haven (C. L.) Andrew Herbst and George Sherwood.

GOES TO ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Norfolk Man Convicted of Murder—Made Pathetic Appeal.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—W. P. Parker, convicted by jury of the first degree murder of Sam Fisher, whom he struck from behind during a quarrel, was today sentenced by Judge Hancock to death in the electric chair at Richmond, January 25th.

Parker made a pathetic appeal for a sentence of fifteen years in the penitentiary and the court was visibly affected. The man's only hope is through possible executive clemency.

BEUNA VISTA "DRYS" WIN.

Local Option Election Resulted 71 Votes in Their Favor.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 23.—In a local option election at Buena Vista, Va., today the dries won by a majority of 71. The total vote cast was 258. At the last local option election in April, 1907, the town went dry by a majority of 45.

BASEBALL OUTLOOK.

Manager Gwaltney Returns From Visit to Rocky Mount.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 23.—Manager R. H. Gwaltney, of the Wilmington baseball team, returned this morning to Wilmington after two days spent in this city. In a discussion of the baseball situation Mr. Gwaltney seemed sanguine with regard to the perfecting of the league organization at the meeting that is to be held in Wilmington on December 27th, next Monday. He stated that there was every reason to believe that all five of the towns now holding franchises would stick, while there will in all probability be two bidders, at the meeting, for the franchise that is now vacant. Relative to the question as to whether or not Raleigh would reconsider and place a team in this circuit he would not state. However, from his conversation it was gathered that he thought there was still a live wire in Raleigh and that with the proper handling of the situation a team could be placed in the field that would receive the support of the people of the capital city.

TIM SULLIVAN MOURNED.

Funeral of Prominent New Yorker Will Attract Large Crowd.

New York, Dec. 23.—The funeral tomorrow of Alderman "Little Tim" Sullivan, Bowery benefactor and political leader, will probably draw one of the largest and most picturesque crowds which has ever assembled on the East Side. Both city officers and prominent church men will attend as will delegates from the many societies and clubs of which he was a member. Close personal friends of "Little Tim" will be the pallbearers while the honorary pallbearers include among others Charles W. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, and Timothy L. Woodruff, Republican State chairman.

It was "Little Tim's" dying wish—"Bury me Friday morning. I want the poor boys on the Bowery to have their Christmas dinner Saturday and I want you to get me out of the way, so as not to spoil their Christmas." Flags at the city hall were at half mast today by order of the Mayor.

TODAY, CHRISTMAS EVE

The Last Chance For Holiday Shoppers—Business Good Yesterday.

Christmas eve has arrived on schedule time and tonight Santa Claus will make his annual visit to thousands and thousands of good little boys and girls throughout the land. Today ushers in the most glad season of the year for children and grown-ups alike and will be celebrated in the usual way in Wilmington. The belated Christmas shoppers have only one day left to them now in which to do their trading and the usual Christmas eve rush is expected by the merchants. There were a great many shoppers out yesterday and last night and many were the packages they carried out with them to say nothing of those they had delivered. The trade generally has been very good this season and if today but comes up to some of the others the merchants will have no reason to complain, judging from appearances only.

HER CONDITION PITIABLE.

Young Woman Who Attempted Suicide at Virginia Beach.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—The condition of Miss Margaret Marshall, the former young Portland, Boston and New York newspaper woman, who sought to end her life at Virginia Beach last week, was today reported as favorable. No operation on the girl's throat for the removal of the bullet from the root of her tongue has yet been attempted. The physicians are now examining her eye which seems to be affected. The girl is still kept in ignorance of the presence of her father or of the fact that her people know of her plight. Worry and overwork are assigned as the cause of the deed.

CANADA BUYS A CRUISER.

Rainbow First Vessel of the New Canadian Navy—British Ship.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—Canada has purchased from the British government the cruiser Rainbow. This is the first vessel of the new Canadian navy. The government is negotiating for the purchase of a second and larger cruiser from the British admiralty. The Rainbow is a second-class, twin screw cruiser and it will be used as a training ship for recruits for the Canadian navy.

This vessel will be the nucleus for the Canadian fleet is undergoing alterations and will cross the Atlantic during the early Spring or Summer months manned by British officers and crew. Its full complement is 273 officers and men.

"THE WIRELESS."

Suffragettes to Start Daily Paper in New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—"The Wireless" is to be the name of a new woman suffrage daily. Prominent suffragists are planning to bring out the first issue early in the new year. The establishment of a daily has been under consideration for some time by the National Board which will conclude its three days session here tomorrow. The present organ of the cause will be brought to this city from Warren, Ohio, and converted from the daily and conservative monthly to an up-to-date metropolitan daily.

ATTORNEY RESTORED.

Had Been Disbarred by the Supreme Court of Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—J. J. Dunn, former assistant city attorney of Omaha, who nominated W. J. Bryan at the last Democratic convention, this evening apologized to the Supreme Court, thereby purging himself of contempt, and was by the court restored to all his rights as an attorney. A brief for which Mr. Dunn assumed responsibility was several weeks ago adjudged contemptuous and was thereupon disbarred.

Foley's Orino Laxative is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste makes it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Cures constipation. Robt. R. Bellamy.

McLAURIN'S FUNERAL.

Funeral at Brandon, Miss., Today—A Political Struggle.

Brandon, Miss., Dec. 23.—The funeral of the late United States Senator A. J. McLauren, who died suddenly at his home here Wednesday night, will take place at the Methodist church, Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The obsequies will be wholly without ostentation.

At a faculty conference this morning it was decided not to accept the offer of a State funeral or await the arrival of a Congressional delegation.

Governor Noel had telegraphed his condolences to the family last night accompanied by a request that the body be allowed to lie in state in the rotunda of the State Capitol. The services will be conducted by Rev. S. F. Emory, pastor of the Methodist church of Brandon, assisted by members of the visiting clergy. Interment will take place in the village cemetery at Brandon by the side of the Senator's four brothers, who died within the past ten years.

The death of Senator McLauren occurred within ten days of the biennial legislative session, gives promise of one of the most spirited political struggles in the history of Mississippi. Regardless of whether Governor Noel appoints a temporary successor, the Legislature must elect an incumbent in the unexpired term of three years and three months. Indications are that the names of half a dozen aspirants will be presented, including former Governor J. K. Vardaman, Senator-elect John Sharp Williams, Chief Justice A. H. Whitfield, of the State Supreme Court, Congressman E. J. Bowers, B. J. Humphries, Adam Byrd, and others. Friends of John Sharp Williams doubt whether he will allow his name to be presented for the unexpired term, since he has been elected as Senator McLauren's successor for a full term, commencing on March 4, 1911.

Washington, Dec. 23.—No Congressional committee was appointed to attend the funeral of Senator McLauren. Colonel Randall, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, received a telegram late this afternoon stating that the family did not desire an official ceremony.

TRAGEDY AT WASHINGTON, N. C.

Fell Face Foremost Into Fire and Burned to Death.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 22.—The entire community was shocked and saddened this morning when the news of one of the most horrible accidents that has ever taken place in this city became known. It was the burning to death of one of this city's most prominent and beloved residents, Mrs. George A. Phillips, at the home of her husband on West Second street last night about 8 o'clock.

The facts in the case as nearly as they can be ascertained are as follows: It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and their daughter, who is afflicted with a mental disease, were sitting in the living room in front of an open fire after supper and Mr. Phillips stepped down to the mail box on the corner to mail a letter, being out of the house for about fifteen minutes. On his return when he entered the room he found his wife lying face downward in the fire, her face burned to a crisp and charred beyond recognition, and her clothing in flames. Mr. Phillips immediately seized a chemical fire extinguisher and succeeded in extinguishing the flames just in time to prevent the house from catching fire. Mrs. Phillips, for the past two years, has been subject to vertigo, and it is surmised that one of these fainting spells caused her to fall in the fire and in this unconscious condition sucked the flames down in her throat, causing her death almost instantly. Her daughter, not being responsible, could not give any alarm, and there was no other person in the room at the time. Mrs. Phillips' husband, a broken husband and one daughter, and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to them in their sorrow.

The funeral was conducted from the residence at 1:30 o'clock today by Rev. M. T. Plyler of the Methodist church, and the interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

MR. SHERRILL REINSTATED.

Shelby Minister Taken Back Into Fold.

Shelby, Dec. 22.—A telegram was received here today by Rev. Charles F. Sherrill, from Bishop James A. Kings, who is in Orlando, Fla., notifying him of his appointment as pastor of the First Methodist church of Shelby, and directing that he assume his pastoral relations immediately. This is pleasing information to Shelby Methodists who have so loyally supported Mr. Sherrill during his conference trial and the trouble and stress incident thereto. He will be gladly received and taken into the hearts and homes of Shelby people without regard to denominational affiliations.

Mr. Sherrill will fill his pulpit Sunday-morning and night and regularly thereafter. His legion of friends throughout the State will likewise learn with pleasure of his appointment to so important a pastorate and that his lot is to be cast the coming year among his friends who have stood by him so loyally.

J. W. AXTELL DEAD.

Manager of Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing Co., at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—News was received today of the death yesterday of J. W. Axtell, general manager of the Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing House of this city, in Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Axtell was 57 years old and was widely known both as a church worker and an author of religious works. He was born in Pennsylvania and the remains will be interred at Pittsburg Sunday afternoon.

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RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS.

Echoes of Recent Great Gathering in Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—From whatever angle the recent convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress is viewed, but one conclusion is inevitable, that it marked the beginning of a new epoch looking to the development of the inland waters of the United States.

Never in the history of Washington has there been gathered together so representative a body of men and the work accomplished was of such a character that cannot help but be felt in future legislation looking to a comprehensive policy in the treatment and improvement of our rivers, harbors and canals.

Every occupation was represented by the 4,000 delegates in attendance upon the convention and in its personnel was truly representative of the Nation.

Not since the organization of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress has there been such intense interest shown as was displayed during the three days of the convention and the results which were unanimously adopted were the result of careful, conservative deliberation.

The remarkable feature of the convention outside its distinguished membership was the distance the delegates traveled to be present and as it brings to the attention of the lawmakers of the Nation the imperative needs for a broad and liberal policy toward the great National highways of the country, the rivers and canals. Nearly a hundred delegates came from the Pacific coast, crossing the continent to participate in a great national movement having for its slogan a yearly river and harbor bill carrying \$50,000,000 and if current revenues are not sufficient to warrant the appropriation of this sum then a bond issue of fifty millions years for the space of ten years in order that the projects, which have the endorsement of the Corps of Engineers may be completed and made to demonstrate that improved waterways are the Nation's best regulators of rail rates.

THE "FRIAR LANDS."

Attorney General Holds Philippine Government May Sell.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The Philippine government has power to sell the "Friar Lands" in the Philippines to individuals in any number of acres desirable. An opinion to this effect was today rendered by Attorney General Wickham. The opinion is in opposition to the provision of the organic act of the Philippine government, which limited the sale of the unappropriated public lands obtained by treaty with Spain, to 40 acres.

In developing the sugar industry of the islands, individuals desired to acquire the 55,000 acres contained in the San Jose estate on the island of Mindoro, which was purchased from the Recoletos Friars by the United States and which has never been occupied. It was argued that to attempt to sell this land in 40-acre tracts would defeat the proposed use of the land.

The Attorney General has held that in authorizing the sale of the land the act of Congress provided that the tenants should be given the preference in the disposition of the estates, as many tenants held more than 40 acres. This decision does not modify the law providing that every corporation authorized to engage in agriculture shall not hold more than 2,500 acres. It is said the sugar trust is the prospective purchaser of the land.

Three negroes were jailed at Americus, Ga., yesterday upon the confession of one of them regarding the burning of the barn and livestock on the forest plantation near Americus recently. Two negroes declare the third man burned the buildings together with eight fine mules involving a property loss of \$6,000.

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A CITY WITHOUT A CHARTER.

Before the entire country is definitely taken by the spread of the "commission form of government" for cities, it might be well for some of the reformers to take a glance at Spray, North Carolina, in practice a city of some ten thousands of people, with immense manufacturing plants, banks, and other financial and industrial interests, which is managing to exist without municipal charter of any sort whatever. By reason of the public enterprise of its leading and substantial citizens, it is well-policed, enjoys all the modern conveniences and advantages incident to the average incorporated community of twice its size, and all this without the suggestion of graft, corruption or incompetence seemingly inseparable from municipal government. According to the experience of Spray, the municipal government question would seem to have resolved itself into a practical application of the old Jeffersonian principle, so wantonly disregarded by some of the loudest protestants of his leadership, that the people best governed is the people least governed.

We will forestall the criticism of this illustration, (that it is taken from a manufacturing community easily controlled by a sort of beneficent autocracy of wealth and influence), by the simple method of admitting the justness of the criticism. The illustration is not put forward in the way of advice, but in the way of suggestion of a happy mean between no form of municipal government and a complicated and non-representative form. To our mind, the "commission" idea further tends to make the city a non-autonomous corporation. It puts it in the class of stock companies where a majority of investment carries the control; whereas a city government ought to be analogous to that ideal mutual insurance company, where every policy holder has not only his own, but his peculiar representation. Already the city is not only left out of the fundamental laws of the States, and thus placed at the mercy of rural populations that know nothing and care less about its problems, but it is not even recognized in practice except when its interests are administered according to bureaucratic conceptions. There is no excuse for a city to permit itself to be misgoverned, but there is every reason, in the light of its mistreatment by the average commonwealth, for its citizens to give up to a despair which is the surest forerunner of the bad government so widely recognized and so greatly deplored. The men who might run the cities are hampered and prevented from doing so; the men who can run them for what they will return in graft are willing and glad to do so. So long as the city is prevented from attaining the autonomy that it ought to have as a peculiar and independent sub-section of the commonwealth, a "commission," by virtue of being tied at the start, can hope to accomplish little in the end. With a Democratic government assured the city, the body of its citizens might be interested to give it a business administration; but so long as this prerequisite of independence is denied them, the cities could go farther and fare worse than by putting aside the alternative of theoretical but impractical commission government, on the one hand, and Democratic but corrupt administration, on the other, surrendering their charters to trust to the rule of counties which they might influence, instead of being as now dependent upon the will of legislators from counties who delight when by a law they can irritate and confound a city.

IS SHERWELL IMMUNE?

Commenting on the Sherwell case, the Charlotte Observer says: "We find it surprising that Governor Kitchin should place any great reliance upon doctors' certificates in a case like Sherwell's. The defendant had already forfeited his appearance bond without excuse made and had shown every disposition to evade the operation of the jail sentence. These circumstances, together with his known and admitted character, constituted strong grounds for suspicion. And what were the certificates which he offered? They related solely to an ailment which any man can feign at need. He could easily make himself appear to be in the most tortuous of rheumatism if he were so inclined—and he most assuredly was. Many doctors are ex-

cessively indulgent in certifying a patient's condition according to his desires; they can never let him go to jail for lack of an affidavit or go thirsty for lack of a prescription; but Sherwell's doctors were probably in the position of really knowing no more about the alleged rheumatism than the Governor does himself."

And further discussing the questions arising out of his re-appearance in apparently good health, immediately after the notice of the reprieve by Governor Kitchin, it adds:

"The question arises whether or not the Governor can cancel a reprieve once granted. It is one of the Governor's privileges to grant a conditional pardon, revocable on the breaking of the conditions, but can he recall a non-conditional pardon or a reprieve?"

"Another view of the case: The Governor's reprieve cannot have any effect on the one or, it may be, two, appearance bonds which Sherwell has forfeited. He can be arrested on capias from Guilford Superior Court wherever found in the State on these forfeited recognizances or bonds; for, notwithstanding the Governor's action, Sherwell today stands a fugitive from justice because of his forfeited bonds."

The Observer is certainly right about the lack of effect of the reprieve on the forfeiture of the bond. Sherwell may be taken on this cause, and his bond made to pay. It ought to be done. Everything ought to be done that can be to give a rebuke to a most high-handed evidence of contempt of State authority. As to the withdrawal of a reprieve, we have not had access to authorities, and admit that the subject opens up a new line of thought. On the reason of the thing, however, it would seem that it is entirely competent for one exercising a discretionary power to rescind action taken thereunder, when it appears that such action was procured by fraud. Governor Kitchin is a careful lawyer, and he is probably informing himself on this peculiar aspect of the case. If, as is possible, there is no precedent in point, it would seem to be within his province to make one. With Sherwell arrested on a recall of the reprieve, there would be quick and easy opportunity of testing the law on this interesting subject in an application for writ of habeas corpus. At any rate, there ought now to be no "let up" on Sherwell until he is finally made amenable to authority. His record and his recent conduct constitute no less than a deliberate dare to the dignity and authority of the law.

SPARE US.

Printing the text of the declaration of war by the International Federation of Labor against the United States Steel Company, the Monroe Journal makes the following comment:

"What is labor ever going to do in its own behalf as long as it votes for men and parties whose chief ambition is to serve the trusts? Mr. Gompers, the labor leader, tells his followers to resolve against the trust, and tomorrow they would all vote for the party and men that make the trust possible and who stand for its continuance. Till they learn where the real trouble lies, they'd as well be sucking their fingers."

It is true that the Journal here puts its finger on a sore and tender spot of "Labor" consistency. We protest, however, against the inference that this consolidated force ought to come as a body to the support of the Democracy. Notwithstanding the immense number of voters included in all branches of "Organized Labor," there could be nothing more fatal to the success of any party than to have the organized and solid support of such aggregations. In fact, the flirtation of Gompers and Bryan, insignificant as it proved to be so far as actual returns from the "labor vote" was concerned, did much to render a hopeless cause still more hopeless. So long as "Organized Labor" sets up as its active tenet the principle that, by a boycott of employers, it will force the employment of only such labor as has the stamp of the organization branded upon it, so long will the great mass and bulk of conservative, liberty-loving people in the country render certain the defeat in politics of any party that lends itself, inferentially or otherwise, to so destructive a policy.

If the Monroe Journal is anxious to aid the rule of the trusts, it takes a poor method of advancing the cause when it seeks to enlist in support of its programme the most outspoken and effective of monopolistic organizations.

If the Labor Unions believe what they preach, it is true that they have no logical place in the Republican party; it is equally true that, so long as the Democratic party stands for the ancient principle of equality of opportunity, they have no logical place in it. The Republican party fosters the trusts of private capital; the labor party moves toward a trust wherein all capital shall be subservient to the labor it of right ought to be able to purchase in the open market. We take it that the Democracy, when it is rid of Republican poison on the one hand and socialistic virus on the other, stands neither for trust nor labor extortion. In the last few years several quack practitioners of "first aid to the injured" have weighted the neck of the Democracy with mill-stone after mill-stone of foolish policy and fantastic principle. Spare us, we pray thee, the final weight necessary to sink a faithful, if overloaded, beast of burden.

HAS TILLINGHAST "MADE GOOD?"

The report by the Associated Press from Worcester, Mass., of a mysterious fly-by-night air ship that circled the city at a height of at least 2,000 feet, using a powerful search-light and returning two hours later for a second visit, indicates that the recent extravagant claims of one Tillinghast may not have been extravagant except as they indicate an unheard of progress in aeronautics. It will be recalled that Tillinghast, a Worcester business man, recently announced the perfection of an aeroplane capable of carrying three men and of remaining in the air indefinitely, in which, also, he claimed to have made several trips to New York and Boston in the same night. In detail he told of how, when at a height of 4,000 feet, he coasted his machine while machinists repaired the motors. The world laughed at Tillinghast. The well authenticated report of the air-ship appearance at Worcester, however, together with the fact that Tillinghast could not be located while the ship was hovering over the city, seems to indicate that what looked to be a fantastic yarn may prove a scientific marvel.

After all, it is quite in keeping with the world's way of doing things that a fakir like Cook should have been granted instant and wide-spread belief, while a statement of fact by a man who has perfected a great invention caused only a loud and raucous laugh.

We trust that Mr. Tillinghast will soon allay suspicion and come into his own by giving a public demonstration.

THE CONFETTI NUISANCE.

The Savannah News thus calls briefly to the rack a nuisance that or some inexplicable reason has gained wide indulgence:

"The Mayor's anti-confetti order will be endorsed by every sane, sane and sober person in Savannah. There isn't the slightest reason in the world why people's ears, noses, eyes and clothes should be filled and covered with bits of colored paper on a holiday evening. There is nothing really funny about the confetti foolishness. It is just about as much humor in it as sticking a pin in a man to see him jump, and the humor is of the same class."

Confetti throwing was originally a "gentle form of playfulness and good nature characteristic of old world festivals, and with us for a long time confined to New Orleans, on the occasion of its annual carnival. It came loading down on the heads of crowds from balconies, or was tossed with the easy Democracy of the crowd into the air, or even upon some passing head. Thus the confetti was in a way symbolical of the ease and merriment of an occasion. How its use has degenerated we all know. The American is not so graceful. He does not know how to fling. He is ill at ease unless violent. In the hands of a rough and boisterous American crowd confetti throwing amounts almost to assault and battery. Delicate women wince under it, and men who are men frequently resent it with blows, only to be beaten for their pains by organized mobs of toughs and rowdies. The privilege of a slight freedom is turned into a brutal license. North Carolina towns, that have without exception been cursed with this confetti nuisance, might well profit by the example of Savannah's mayor.

UNCONSCIOUS CANNIBALISM.

Sentiment plays a large part with gastronomic notions. For instance, the story of George Miller, who owned the hog that ate the Chinaman, the mystery of whose murder is just now stirring the western part of the State, Miller would not eat the hog, but he had no hesitancy in eating her pigs. They were "one generation" removed. Of course, the average hog eats many things worse than Chinamen, and its hams and bacon lose none of their flavor thereby. The idea is the thing. In this connection we recall the case of an erudite college professor, a humane and a sympathetic man, and withal one who enjoyed a bounteous table, and was a judge of cheese. Among his pets was a Dominican rooster, tame as a cat, who would come daily to the professor's office to eat crumbs from his hand. One day the professor dined on a particularly toothsome chicken. But afterwards he missed his friend, the Dominican. We doubt that he has yet recovered from the shock.

"Do you know," said he afterwards, and with a shudder, "I felt like a cannibal!"

In a different way, George Miller of the mountains would not be a Chinaman-cannibal even by proxy.

A SUGGESTION FOR TOMORROW.

Tomorrow is Christmas day. Its especial religious significance is to some extent swallowed in a world-wide spirit of the festival, and a world-wide spirit of generosity. It is its abuses—even its indecencies. But on the whole, as it fuses sympathy with the child, and as it opens hearts and helps to close wounds, it is the greatest single force of the year toward the humanizing of the race.

There is one rule for Christmas happiness of which the whole world may avail, and which, if carried out by the whole world, would multiply ten

fold its value and its joy:

"Zaccheus Daniel (Princeton, '08)" says the Savannah News, "has one of the nicest and easiest jobs in the country. He is a professional comet-finder. Since his graduation he has held the 'Thaw fellowship'—the income of \$10,000, given by Mrs. Mary Thaw of Pittsburgh—and in two years he has found three comets. One doesn't have to work eight hours a day six days a week at finding comets." The job is all right, but how about the salary? In these palmy times not even solitary idleness may be supported on \$600 a year with any degree of comfort.

Dr. Cook just had his "Merry Christmas" discounted at the bank of public credulity.

The nub of the contest in the Brokaw suit now appears to be how much Mr. Brokaw must pay for the privilege of a separation.

Editor Parham, of the Fayetteville Index, is now his "own boss." With a paper sufficiently prosperous to pay its bills, no man could wish more.

The Winston man who lost his marriage license in a barber shop should have gotten his wedding shave for fifteen cents before spending three dollars on a license.

The Estrada victory indicates that the American Government may yet be able to do by intrigue what for a time it looked as though it would be compelled to do by force.

There is no doubt about it that the decree of that Washington Court which upheld an ordinance against street speaking was, as the dispatches had it, a "terrible blow" to all the fraternity of wind-jammers.

It is evident that Sherwell is determined not to go to jail. It is evident that, after what has happened, the people of the State will not be content until he goes there. Now what are the State authorities going to do about it?

The assassination in one day of a Korean, a Russian and a Briton will relieve the minds of those who harbor the suspicion of disasters "going in threes" of immediate fears of similar catastrophes in the near future. The anarchists in this instance "bunched their hits."

If Dr. Cook is really a citizen of Denmark, as we seem to have heard it stated sometime since, he might be cast in the role of Hamlet and yet secure the "future." As the "melancholy Dane," he ought certainly to make a winning play.

Rev. Sherrill will be cautious in future about charitable gallantries to homely females. No mind is so glib as that of a disappointed prude. Old Dr. George Blackmail—not exactly of "sainted" but of revered memory—used to tell his parishioners: "My son, never shut the door when a woman is in your office." He might have added: "Never tell an ugly woman she is beautiful." She will believe it, in spite of the world, the Devil, and her glass.

Give something to somebody who has no apparent call upon your love or gratitude. Make this gift either to one who does not need it or to one to whom it will come as succor as well as cheer. But let the distinguishing feature of this particular gift be its unexpectedness to the recipient. Let somebody see that Christmas is something more than a feast, and something more than a trade. Let somebody know that he amounts to something to somebody else. Give the "Christmas Spirit" rein—let it ooze out of your own heart into that of another.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Ex-President Kemp P. Battle, of the University of North Carolina, celebrated his 78th birthday on Monday, and special honors were given him. The whole State will wish him many more years of usefulness.—News and Observer.

An insurgent, of course, is one who insurges. It is worthy of note, just here, that the insurging that has been going on in and about Washington recently has been of only the most quiet and lady-like sort.—Savannah News.

The late Dr. Charles D. McIver said: "It is worth more to the cause of universal education to strengthen those who are fighting for it than to fight those who are pulling the other way. Truth needs nothing but agitation in a fair, open field."—Greensboro News.

About the most enthusiastic juror of whom we have heard is the New Jersey man, aged 90, who walked, because he did not have car fare, 18 miles to discharge his duty. Needless to say, he did not vote to discharge the prisoner.—Charlotte News and Courier.

If the Atlantic Coast Line builds to Monroe and Charlotte, why should it longer delay to enter Raleigh? If the big three railroads have ended the "understanding" not to invade each other's territory, we may expect 1910 to be a great year in railroad construction in North Carolina.—News and Observer.

It seems that United States Senators are entitled to one corkscrawl each with their stationery. Several of the Senators have, however, not availed themselves of the privilege, which leads us to surmise that they buy it by the barrel. Of course, the other



CHRISTMAS SALE

Every Nook and Corner of the Store Reflects the Gladsome Holiday Spirit.

At every turn, on every counter, in every aisle you will be confronted with merchandise that says unmistakably "Merry Xmas." Christmas Candles that'll make the children say "goody" and suck their little thumbs. Toys and dolls that will send a thrill of joy through childish bodies, Christmas fireworks that will afford an unending source of delight to the youngsters as well as yourselves.

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Don't forget our down town store, Market St., under Bonitz Hotel. Fire Works and Toys.

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80 Senators, those who did take their corkscrews, merely use them to open the milk bottles in the morning.—Charlotte News and Courier.

The news that Rev. Dr. D. Bernheim, the oldest and one of the most loved Lutheran ministers in this State suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home in Charlotte this week, will be received in Salisbury with profound regret. His right side is affected and he has lost the use of his right arm. Dr. Bernheim is 82 years old and is the oldest Lutheran minister in the State.—Salisbury Post.

Recorder Smith's advocacy of a parole officer for Charlotte—an officer who should follow up the records of youthful criminals, first offenders, occasional drunkards and other prospective probationers—is worth considering. As he points out, the laws' object is to reform as well as to punish, and yet punishment as usually administered sometimes induces a career of crime.—Charlotte Observer.

If Dr. Cook did indeed make hay while the sun shone so successfully as to amass somewhere near a hundred thousand dollars, there will be men who envy him the infamy which he acquired. But it is safe to say that no other bogus discoverer of either pole will ever equal his financial record. For one thing, the University of Copenhagen and the Danes generally will be more careful.—Charlotte Observer.

During the present week Wilmington has lost two of its notable citizens—Major Chas. P. Bolles, at the age of 86, and Colonel John L. Cantwell, aged 81. Both played conspicuous parts in the Civil War. Colonel Cantwell was among those under fire on Morris Island. Major Bolles was the engineer who built the first battery and laid out the plan of fortification which withstood such terrific bombardment by the Federal fleet.—Charlotte Chronicle.

A bright young man of Chicago the other day paid \$300 for the privilege of becoming the treasurer of a traveling theatrical company. When he had joined the company on the road he learned that the treasurer had absolutely no duties to perform, but was informed that if he desired he might help to handle the baggage. Fortunately, he had enough left to buy a ticket back home. There seems to be no race suicide among the suckers in our large cities.—Savannah News.

Except on the broad ground of patriotism, Richmond, or Virginia, or any other part of the South, will hardly feel a deep interest in erecting homes for our ambassadors and ministers to foreign countries. However, the movement is good in its way. If we send men abroad they should be honored becomingly, and it will necessarily add to their prestige and effectiveness to have them "at home" in a house built and owned by the government they represent.—Petersburg Index-Appel.

Any color so it is red, say the aldermen in the Sunday closing ordinance. "Necessities," say they, may be sold but "under no circumstances shall any of the things mentioned above be construed as necessities." Now you have it! Physicians have seen the time when a man's life was saved by a drink of liquor. Wonder if the aldermen would consider a drink a necessity under any circumstances whatever? However, just at present a good many of us might die if securing a drink was the only thing that would save us.—Greensboro Record.

Colonel Jake Newell, who is soon to start a linotype battery in Charlotte, was in Salisbury a day or two ago, and talked politics, as will be seen by an article from The Evening Post. Colonel Newell seems to be a firm believer in the value of the Marion Butler outfit. This interview of the colonel, taken in connection with the fact that he is soon to launch a newspaper through the columns of which he will be able to air his views fully and freely, would indicate that Republican literature during the coming campaign, is going to be of a more than ordinarily bright and interesting nature.—Charlotte Chronicle.

"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year," says the old rhyme; but our good clothes are always here. You may need to provide yourself with some new things to wear for the season of festivity. You may need dress clothes—evening, dinner, Prince Albert; or an overcoat for dress or daily use,

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MR. D. McEACHERN INJURED

Thrown to Pavement and Dragged Some Distance When His Buggy Was Run Into by Another Vehicle—Injuries.

Mr. Duncan McEachern, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was the victim, between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning, of a rather peculiar accident, near corner of Fourth and Brunswick streets, when his buggy was run into by another vehicle, but his many friends will be glad to learn that his injuries are not of a serious nature and that he will be out in a few days at most.

Mr. McEachern had just left the store of Mr. George Heyer, on Fourth street, when his buggy was crashed into by a buggy belonging to Dr. Avant, colored, and driven by Ed Anderson, colored. The negro is said to have been standing up in the buggy and whipping the horse when the accident occurred. Mr. McEachern's buggy was overturned and he was hurled to the pavement and dragged for 25 or 30 feet before the teams could be stopped. Mr. McEachern was painfully bruised about the hips and thigh, but his injuries are not serious. Dr. W. D. McMillan was summoned and rendered the necessary medical attention. Mr. McEachern was sent to his home in the suburbs east of the city. He was able to be at dinner yesterday and will very likely be out again today or tomorrow.

MR. JOHN EAKINS DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Atkinson, N. C., Passed Away Yesterday.

Relatives and friends in this city learned yesterday morning with deep regret of the death of Mr. John Eakins, Sr., which occurred at his home at Atkinson, N. C., at an early hour yesterday. Mr. Eakins was one of the oldest and best known citizens of that section and was prominent in all the affairs of the community. He was 90 years old the 10th of this month. He was a Confederate veteran and served on a gunboat during the war. Mr. Eakins was well known in Wilmington, where he frequently visited the family of his son, Mr. J. J. Eakins, who died in 1906. He leaves a wife and two children, Mrs. K. D. Corbett, of Rocky Point, and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, of Currie.

Mr. Eakins has been in failing health for about a year but able to be up until about a week ago, when he began to sink gradually. A singular coincidence is that his father died in the 91st year of his age. The funeral services will be held from the residence at Atkinson at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the interment will take place in the family burying ground there. Among those who will attend from this city are: Mrs. J. J. Eakins and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Purser, Mr. Purser, and Messrs. E. A. and Ralph Eakins.

LIGHTS BIG IMPROVEMENT.

Navigators on River Can Easily Find the Buoy.

The buoy tender Wistaria cleared yesterday for Charleston after placing new lenses in the lights and making other general improvements for the aid of navigation on the river.

The improvements most appreciated by Cape Fear navigators are the splendid lights, which throw a strong ray and can be seen for some distance.

A number of changes in lights have been made at the mouth of the river and near Southport. It will be recalled that the Wistaria placed a number of new lights on the bar. Other changes are in the buoys. One new light was placed off McKnight's shoals.

The Wistaria has been engaged in work on the Cape Fear river for several weeks and at one time the other buoy tender of the district, the Cy-press, was here for two days.

LARGEST CARGO COTTON.

Harlyn Clears With 16,127 Bales for Liverpool—Valuation.

The second steamer of the month war cargo of cotton for foreign export, the British steamer Harlyn, cleared yesterday and will sail today for Liverpool with the largest cargo of the season, 16,127 bales.

With the present high price of the staple the valuation of the cargo reaches \$1,209,000, and is doubtless one of the largest in money value that ever cleared from the port of Wilmington.

The first steamer to clear this month was the Holland, and this followed by the Harlyn, leaves only one in port. The next largest cargo of the season was a vessel that cleared during the first of November, carrying something over 15,000 bales. The cargo and vessel are by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

ST. JAMES' SERVICES.

Will be Observed on Christmas Day.

Music in the Morning.

Appropriate Christmas services at St. James' Episcopal church will be observed as follows: Morning prayer at 11 A. M., and Holy Communion at 12 o'clock.

The notice of the Holy Communion at 7:30 o'clock has been withdrawn, and those who desire to receive the communion will remain after the first service, when as is usual, the Holy Communion will be celebrated immediately afterwards.

The usual Christmas music will be sung at the morning service, and the general public is cordially invited to unite in their observance of Christmas.

Negro Grocery Store Closed.

C. N. Nixon brought a civil action in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday against B. B. Sloan, colored grocer at 711 Nixon street, for \$45.52 alleged to be due for groceries sold and delivered. A judgment for the full amount was given, an execution issued and the business closed by Deputy Sheriff A. T. Piver. K. C. Sildbury, Esq., represented the plaintiff.

The Theatre

The Crystal Palace presented an entire change of bill yesterday and it went with a bang. The audiences were again large and delight seemed to reign supreme.

All the artists appeared in different stunts, and the team of Matthews and McCall, which is a Wilmington comedy duo of fine ability, dished up something new and exceedingly clever. The topplers were again, of course, Ring and Williams, and scored their usual big hit. Now Johnnie Ring, who is a decidedly clever comedian, is appearing as a tramp, which is a decided change from his Irish comedy work during the early part of the week. The big 10-pound turkey was given away as usual last night and another one will be given away tonight. Much interest is now centering in the big Christmas tree matinee for Saturday afternoon. Then there will be a brilliant tree and every youngster will be given a toy, direct from the hands of old Saint Nicholas himself. The matinee will commence promptly at 3:30 o'clock with the usual small price prevailing and it promises to be a big and jolly event.

THE FOUR PICKERTS.

Big business appears to be awaiting the Four Pickerts, who will appear at the Academy every night next week, save Thursday. This popular repertoire company will be seen in some of the best of modern successes and will also present a vaudeville bill that will be of superb type. Of course, the Pickerts themselves will be seen nightly in a big vaudeville act and clever little Blanche Pickert will appear in a bright specialty. The opening bill for Monday night, will be the big comedy success, "Hello Bill," and upon which the company is paying a big royalty. Seats will go on sale at the Crystal Palace tomorrow (Saturday) morning and the usual free tickets will be extended to the ladies, providing the tickets are reserved at the Palace by 6 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Biggest Minstrel of All.

Next Thursday night the Academy will offer what is without doubt the greatest minstrel company ever organized in one, too, that has had a big run on Broadway—something decidedly exceptional for a minstrel organization. It will be the Coban and Harris Minstrels, almost 100 strong, and Wilmington has never seen a company that is its equal. It is not only an organization of giant size, but is a small fortune to run it, while the stage settings and electrical effects are the most elaborate ever brought South. The company is headed by the famed "Honey Boy" Evans and one of the owners is no less a person than the renowned George Co-han.

At the Bijou Today.

The management of the Bijou has a splendid bill to offer the many patrons of the theatre today. "A Royal Outcast," "Onawanda," and "The Romance of an Umbrella" will be shown. Of the first named the film makers say: "A picture story that will be a delight to juvenile patrons, and its wealth of scenic costume splendor will be sure to please the parents." The second is one of the always popular Indian subjects, but novel in that the scene is laid in the colony of Massachusetts shortly after the landing of the Pilgrims, instead of the Western plains in the modern day. The last named is just a leaf from the diary of a business girl, a little romance of everyday life. The offering today should attract an unusually large attendance at each performance.

DEFENDANT DIDN'T APPEAR.

Case Against Mr. Robt. Montgomery for Reckless Driving, Dismissed.

Mr. Robert Montgomery was to have been tried in Justice George Harris' court at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the charge of recklessly driving an automobile on the county road, near Delgado, Tuesday night, but the prosecutor, Mr. J. A. Hewlett, of Masonboro Sound, did not appear and the action was dismissed. Mr. Hewlett alleged in his affidavit that his wagon was run into and seriously damaged by an automobile driven by Mr. Montgomery and that he himself suffered serious injuries. It developed yesterday that Mr. Hewlett is an uncle of Mr. Montgomery and this probably accounts for the fact that he did not appear at the time set for the trial.

FOR THE POOR CHILDREN.

Proprietors of Bijou Will Distribute Oranges and Candy.

The proprietors of the popular Bijou, Messrs. James Howard and P. W. Wells, will do the handsome thing tomorrow, Christmas Day, and give to 200 poor children of the city packages containing oranges and candy. The packages will be given out at the theatre, North Front street, from 3 to 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and it is hoped that all of the children of the city whose stockings were not overladen by Santa Claus will take advantage of this opportunity to supplement their Christmas, so generously offered by the management of the popular amusement resort.

The Recorder's Court.

For the first time in several days the Recorder had but little to claim his attention yesterday morning. There was only one case on the docket for trial—a messenger boy who was charged with riding a bicycle on the streets at night without a light. Owing to the extreme youth of the boy the Recorder dismissed the case. Judgment was announced in the case against Mr. H. E. Brandon, charged with disposing of mortgaged property, tried Wednesday. The defendant was found guilty and fined \$25 and costs. L. Clayton Grant, counsel for the defendant, gave notice of an appeal to Superior court. The prosecution was represented by W. P. Mangum Turner, and A. H. Pait, Esqs.

While buying your Christmas gifts, don't forget the reliable and suitable line to be found at J. T. Burke's, 27 South Front street.

Gaylord will retail fireworks today at wholesale prices.

SALVATION ARMY BASKETS

Prepared Yesterday and Will be Distributed Tomorrow—Christmas Tree Next Week—Liberal Contributions from Citizens.

The local post of the Salvation Army will distribute among the poor and needy of the city today more than 100 well filled baskets of provisions and the Wilmington Lodge of Elks has supplied each family with a load of wood with which to prepare the food and provide a comfortable fire around which the edibles may be partaken of. Other organizations have also been active and the indications are that every poor family in the city will have a substantial reminder of the gladsome season.

The Salvation Army baskets were prepared yesterday and are now ready for distribution. Ensign Williams, in charge of the local post, a man of system, had the contents of the baskets graduated according to the number in the family. There are ten for families at Delgado. The Carpenter Grocery Co. has generously offered the use of one of their wagons for the delivery of the baskets. Each basket contains one chicken, coffee, butter, sugar, flour, meal, meat, onions, apples, Irish potatoes and a copy of the War Cry. There is enough in each basket to last the average family several days.

Ensign Williams is deeply grateful to the citizens and lodges of Wilmington for making possible such a bountiful treat to the poor and needy. They responded most liberally to his request for contributions. The local lodges were especially generous. Some 10 or 12 made a contribution to the cause. In addition to those mentioned in The Star a few days ago the following have contributed: Carolina Council, Royal Arcanum, Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., Stonehall Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias; Concord Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. A total of 397 was received from the lodges, nearly half of the entire amount contributed. A check was received from Mr. M. S. Willard for \$25 as a donation from the Taffet committee. Ensign Williams stated last night that more than \$200 was contributed toward providing Christmas for the poor and needy of the city and the expenses to date in preparing the baskets was about \$150, leaving a balance of \$50. This money will be used in purchasing presents, which will be distributed among the children at the Christmas tree Wednesday night, arrangements for which are now being made in the hall on Front street. The exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Everything is thoroughly systematized at the Salvation Army hall. Ensign Williams keeps a record of every cent contributed and of all the money paid out and for what purpose. He also has a book showing the names and ages of each member of all the families to whom baskets will be sent today.

Mr. Geo. O. Gaylord, proprietor of the big department store, recently sent him two dozen children's coats and caps for distribution among the poor. He didn't do it. But instead sent more than 100 coats and caps for children and a few for ladies. Ensign Williams is deeply grateful to Mr. Gaylord and says that he will have need for every garment sent him. Some have already been distributed.

Juniors Gave Baskets.

Following their long established custom, Jeff Davis and George Washington Councils, Jr., O. U. A. M. have prepared baskets of provisions and turkeys for the families of the deceased members of the respective councils. Jeff Davis Council has already committed, composed of Messrs. W. E. Yopp and E. C. Woodbury, distributed its baskets Wednesday afternoon, and George Washington Council will distribute its baskets today.

BASEBALL GAME TOMORROW.

Professionals Practicing for Contest—Grounds in Good Shape.

Local baseball fans are trusting to the goodness of the weather man for a Spring-like day tomorrow so the contest between a local team and the Fort Caswell aggregation may be pulled off as scheduled. The game will be played at League Park and will be called promptly at 3 o'clock as to complete in time for the fans to return to the city for their Christmas dinners. The professional players, who will take part in the game, have been practicing for two hours a day this week and say they will be in fine shape for the contest. The ground is in excellent condition. It will be worth the price of admission to watch the work of Rath, who played only one season and a half with minor leagues and then jumped into the major league. This is one of the quickest ascensions a young ball player could make. An admission of 25 cents will be charged for adults and 15 cents for children. This admits to stand and cheer or bleachers. It was learned last night that Nichols, who played first base for the Wilmington Club last season, has signed up with the Nashville, Tenn., team of the Southern League. The directors of the Eastern Carolina League will meet Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of deciding upon the circuit for the coming season.

INDOOR ATHLETICS.

Meets Between Graded School Pupils Arranged for Next Week.

Mr. B. H. Tyrrell, the efficient physical director of the Y. M. C. A., has arranged for indoor athletic meets in the gymnasium of the association next week between pupils of the graded schools. The meets are arranged for the purpose of furnishing amusement for the boys and to get them better acquainted with the work of the association and the athletics as conducted there. On Tuesday afternoon, December 28, there will be a meet between pupils of the High School and on Thursday, the 30th, between pupils of the Hemenway and Union schools. Prizes will be awarded the successful contestants.

You can buy much fireworks today at Gaylord's for small money.

FUNERAL OF COL. CANTWELL.

Impressive Services From St. James' Church Yesterday Afternoon.

Attended by many friends and relatives, members of fraternal orders with which the deceased was affiliated, a large group of Confederate Veterans and the Wilmington Light Infantry, beautiful and impressive funeral services were held from St. James' Episcopal church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in honor of the late Col. John Lucas Cantwell, whose death occurred Tuesday night. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of the church, assisted by Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Special music was rendered by the choir.

Following the services at the church all that was mortal of one of Wilmington's oldest and most beloved citizens was tenderly borne to Oakdale cemetery and laid to rest to await the resurrection morn. At the grave the service of the Episcopal Church was conducted by Bishop Strange and Rev. Thos. P. Noe, after which the Masons took charge of the body and buried it with the honors of the order. The W. L. I. fired 13 volleys and Mr. Albert Dosher, the bugler, sounded the taps.

Attending the services in bodies were members of Cape Fear Camp, Confederate Veterans, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Wilmington Lodge, No. 319, A. F. & A. M.; Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar; American Benevolent Society and of the Third North Carolina Infantry Association.

The general high esteem in which Colonel Cantwell was held throughout this community was shown by the many beautiful floral designs, which were banked around the newly made mound in great profusion.

The honorary pall-bearers were: Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, Capt. John T. Rankin and Col. John VanB. Metts. The active pall-bearers were from the W. L. I. as follows: Sergeants Z. K. Bell, E. H. Holmes, E. F. Peschau and Corporals H. O'Neill, Joe Jacobs and R. H. Grant.

VICTORY FOR LOCAL TEAM

One-Sided Game of Basketball at Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

The basketball game at the Y. M. C. A. last night between the association's first team and the Fort Caswell aggregation was a one-sided affair, the local winning by the overwhelming score of 47 to 8. At no time during the game did it look favorable for the visitors. The locals had it on the visitors in the way of preparation and the result showed in striking manner the difference between a trained team and one that has devoted but very little time to practice. The Fort Caswell team has had very few practices recently and the boys did not play their usual game. The locals played splendidly throughout the contest, reflecting the excellent training the individual members have had at the Y. M. C. A.

There was a fairly large attendance and despite the one-sidedness, the score the game was heartily enjoyed by all. The two teams will likely form a league and have frequent matches here and at Fort Caswell. The players and the goals made are: Y. M. C. A., Newkirk, right guard, threw two goals; Grant, left guard, no goals; Stevens, centre, five goals; These, sent him two dozen children's coats and caps for distribution among the poor. He didn't do it. But instead sent more than 100 coats and caps for children and a few for ladies. Ensign Williams is deeply grateful to Mr. Gaylord and says that he will have need for every garment sent him. Some have already been distributed.

CURRENT TURNED ON.

Some of the Additional Arches Put in Service Last Night.

Some of the additional Tungsten arches recently ordered installed by the Board of Aldermen were put in service last night, adding materially to the beauty of the town down district produced by the lights which have shined since before the visit of the President. Arches were put in place yesterday on Market, from Water to the middle of the block between Second and Third streets, and the electric current turned on last night. Several other arches are to be installed on Princess and will be strung today. Alderman B. O. Storer, "father of the lighting scheme for this city," said last night that an arch would be installed on Princess street, directly in front of the entrance to the Academy of Music, and another just east of the intersection of Third and Princess, making two arches beyond Third street. The decision to place an arch in front of the Academy of Music was a wise one as the street at that point is very much congested with automobiles and vehicles on show nights. The additional lights on Front, between Grace and Red Cross streets, may not be strung until after Christmas on account of the delay in arrival of some materials.

BIG CUT OF ROUND TIMBER.

Fully 150,000 Turpentine Boxes to be Opened Near Shallotte, N. C.

One of the largest cuts of round timber for turpentine operation in this section within recent years is reported from the Shallotte section of Brunswick county, where Messrs. W. A. Peter and G. T. Rourke are opening a big tract of 150,000 boxes in as fine a belt of timber as was ever seen. The yield in virgin turpentine the first year is expected to be at least \$50,000 per year for several seasons. The tract is 18 miles below Wilmington on the Georgetown and Wilmington road and the turpentine will have a shipping outlet via Shallotte to Wilmington. The development of this large enterprise, good for several years, should be a potent influence for the dredging and straightening of the Shallotte river, the need for which has been pressing for some time. The cost of the proposed improvement would be only \$25,000 or \$30,000 and the improvement would serve a very large commerce.

Funeral of Mrs. Ezzell.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Ezzell, wife of Mr. John W. Ezzell, whose death occurred Wednesday, was held from the family residence, 506 Harriet street, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, conducted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

Buy your Christmas presents today at the big store, Rehder's.

Typical Christmas Weather. Finer weather for Christmas could not be imagined than that with which Wilmington was favored yesterday. The morning was perhaps the coldest of the winter, a minimum of 25 degrees, or seven below freezing. Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock the reading was 26 and during the day the weather was cool and bracing, just the kind for Christmas shopping and the response was ready. Hundreds of people thronged the retail district all day.

Low Water in Cape Fear.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "The Cape Fear has been falling for several days, and this morning there was only three feet of water in the river. The City of Fayetteville, which arrived here yesterday evening, is trying to clear for Wilmington this afternoon, but on account of the low water it is not known whether she can get off or not."

COTTON SOLD AT 16 CENTS.

Reached High Mark For First Time in Five Years in New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—The bullish enthusiasm which has attended the cotton market in its recent advances today realized for the first time in five years 16 cents a pound for the staple on the New York Exchange. While the May option, at 16.01 today was the only cotton on the list to reach the 16 cent quotation, the entire list advanced slightly and still holds higher than at any time since the Sully boom in 1904.

The bull campaign now on is said to be headed by Colonel W. P. Brown and Frank B. Hayne, of New Orleans, who were associated with Sully five years ago and by E. G. Seales and James A. Patten, the Chicago grain operator. The aggregate profits of this "Big Four" are rumored to amount to about \$13,000,000.

The bulls now predict 17 cent cotton before the end of January. The record during the Sully boom was 17.54.

\$7.50 Irish Mails can be bought today for \$5.00 at Gaylord's.

Everybody must go to Rehder's popular store today.

"BABY SHOP LIFTER" ARRESTED.

Little Girl Accused of Series of Thefts—Steals Money and Toys.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—An eight-year-old girl, dimpled, blue-eyed and pretty, is held by the police as "the baby shop lifter." She is Annie Pavlinski, daughter of Frank Pavlinski. She has been arrested three times for theft; has spent three weeks in the industrial school and escaped; has run away from home dozens of times, and makes a practice of pilfering money from her father and her big brother. She was found asleep in a hallway today, scantily clad and blue with cold. A policeman took her to the station where it was learned she had run away from home on Tuesday after rifling her brother's pockets of \$1.50.

Annie's first exploit was robbing a notion store of 60 cents worth of toys. She was arrested, but the proprietor refused to prosecute.

Two weeks later, on July 23rd, she entered a grocery store, concealed herself under a counter and stole \$13 from the grocer's till. Her investments in candy and toys caused suspicion; she was arrested again and was sentenced to the industrial school. Fourteen days later, ragged, but blithe, she reappeared at home having escaped. Though she has several times since fallen into the hands of the police, she was not returned to the institution.

BRYAN TOO IDOL TO TALK

Suffering From Severe Cold at Jacksonville, Fla.—His Condition.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23.—William J. Bryan, who has been in this city several days the guest of his cousin, ex-Governor William S. Jennings, was too ill tonight to deliver his scheduled address at the Duval Theatre for the benefit of a local hospital.

Mr. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia. He has cancelled all future dates and will remain here for several days.

At 10:30 tonight Mr. Bryan was resting easy and his condition was regarded in no way serious.

Everybody must go to Rehder's popular store today.

A BILL OF INTERVENTION.

Effort to Stop Delivery of Norfolk & South rn Properties.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—Philadelphia financiers headed by J. W. VanDyke, F. D. Stell, as petitioners, in the United States Circuit Court here late today filed a bill of intervention in the Norfolk & Southern Railway receivership litigation seeking to stop delivery of the properties and franchises of the said company to the reorganized "Norfolk-Southern Railway Company" under the purchase bid of \$8,500,000 made by Rathbone Gardiner, of Providence, R. I., when the property was sold at public auction in Norfolk December 7th.

The interveners ask that the property instead be delivered to them under alleged contract of purchase and reorganization made with the Norfolk & Southern reorganization committee at New York in January, 1909, by which a new \$14,000,000 bond issue with interest guaranteed for five years would replace the old bonds with delivery of 53 per cent of stock to the Philadelphia.

Late today Judge Waddell entered an order citing the defendants to show cause at Richmond, December 30th, why the bill should not be filed. Meanwhile confirmation of the Norfolk & Southern sale is held up.

THOMAS JEFFERSON MONUMENT

Further Legislation by Congress to Get \$5,000 Appropriation.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Further legislation by Congress will be necessary before the \$5,000 appropriated by that body in 1904 for procuring a site and plans for the proposed monument to Thomas Jefferson will be available.

In 1906, Augustus St. Gaudens, then in poor health, consented to make designs for the memorial but his death intervened before the work had been finished. There is a law requiring unexpended balances yearly to be turned into the treasury, the Comptroller of the Treasury in response to an inquiry from the commission having the matter in charge as to whether the \$5,000 was still available for the purpose for which appropriated, has replied in the negative.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup, La Grippe, Asthma, Throat and Lung Troubles. Prevents Pneumonia and Consumption.
ROBERT R. BELLAMY.

CONTAINS NO HARMFUL DRUGS
The Genuine is in the YELLOW PACKAGE

Closing Out at Cost!

We are anxious to sell every piece of our strictly holiday goods before Christmas, therefore have marked at actual cost our entire stock of Dolls, Doll Carriages, Toy Tea Sets, Japanese Lanterns, Vases—some beautiful ones in Japanese—Chocolate Sets, Berry Sets, Wine Sets, Game Sets, Water Sets. Our line of Rockers, Morris Chairs, Rugs, Pictures, Dinner Sets in French and German china, Parlor and Library Tables, China Cabinets, Couches and Parlor Suits is positively the largest in the city. We invite comparison to prove this, and we will sell them today (Friday) at prices that cannot be met.

We still have some 19c Window Shades, Axminster Rugs, 36x72, (Alex Smith & Sons' make) at \$2.98.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Welcome! Welcome! happy day,
Natal day of Christ, our King,
Joyous millions chant the lay,
And swell the anthems Angels sing.

Welcome! Welcome! joyful day,
Every soul a tribute bring,
At the feet of Jesus pay,
Grateful homage to our King.

We cannot to his cradle go,
As did the wise men from the East,
And there our costly gifts bestow,
And how before the Prince of Peace.

We may His needy ones relieve,
Remember how of them He spoke,
Who but a cup of water gives,
These, my children for my sake.

True joy shall have without alloy,
For thus in doing deeds of love,
We multiply our earthly joys,
And treasure layeth up above.
—A. G. HARRIS, Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. David R. Murchison is at home from school to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lynch have arrived to spend the holidays with home folks in Wilmington.

Mr. Edmund L. Prince, Jr., is at home from Princeton to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. John K. Williams has arrived from Gibson, N. C., to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Miss Esther Hashagen returned yesterday from Converse College, S. C., to spend the holidays.

Mrs. H. H. Ludlow, of Port Caswell, spent yesterday in Wilmington, a guest at The Orton.

Mrs. H. W. Smith, of Waycross, Ga., is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. L. Peterson, 610 South Third street.

Mr. W. H. Stokely, of Durham, arrived in the city last evening and will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. Charles A. Prince arrived home from Georgia yesterday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. H. A. Prince.

Miss Marion Maxwell leaves this morning for Chatham county, where she will spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

Mr. George W. Kidder, Jr., is here from New York to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kidder.

Mr. Wiley Whitehead, a student at Nazareth College, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Whitehead.

Miss Madge Brand returned yesterday from college to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brand, on Chestnut street.

Miss Marguerite Short has returned to the city to spend the holidays after a delightful visit to Miss Martha Robinson, in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Walter Storm, of Philadelphia, is here to spend the holiday season with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Storm.

Mr. John C. Slocomb, Jr., left yesterday afternoon for Goldsboro, where he will spend the holidays with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Slocomb.

Miss Nora Corbett is at home from Georgetown Visitation Convent, Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Corbett, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tyree, of Houston, Va., arrived last night to spend Christmas with Mrs. Tyree's mother, Mrs. James Dickson Munds, on Ann street.

Miss Alma K. Peschau, who has been attending Georgetown Visitation Convent at Washington, D. C., has arrived to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. Peschau.

Mr. Emmett Bellamy arrived yesterday from the University of North Carolina to spend Christmas with his parents, Hon. and Mrs. John D. Bellamy.

Mr. Allen Fechtig, a student of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Fechtig.

Mr. Marion S. Harris, a student at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., arrived yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Harris.

Frazier Glenn, Esq., a prominent member of the Asheville bar, has arrived to join Mrs. Glenn, who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Farmer, No. 11 North Eighth street.

Miss Ruth Farmer has returned from Richmond, Va., where she is at attending school, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Farmer, No. 11 North Eighth street.

Messrs. Hugh Calder, Merrill Blair and Sherman Schuklen are among the collegians at home for the holidays, the two first named from the University and the latter from Bingham.

Dr. N. A. Culbreth leaves today for Raleigh to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth. From Raleigh he goes to Washington and Baltimore but will return by the New Year.

Misses Mellicott, Laura Weil and Annette Munds, students at the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, arrived on the belated C. & Y. V. train last night to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. Fred Bolles, a popular young

Wilmingtonian, who has taken a high stand in the business world in New York, is at home to spend some time with members of the family in this city and has been cordially greeted by his many friends here.

Wednesday's Charlotte Observer says: "Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Victor will attend the wedding of the former's brother, Mr. W. E. Victor, of Lynchburg, Va., to Miss Hattie French, a popular young lady of Wilmington. The marriage will occur January 5th in Lynchburg."

Miss Mary Baldwin Mitchell, a member of the faculty of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, arrived last night to spend the holidays at home. Later she expects with other young ladies from the Normal to attend the great students' Volunteer Convention in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Clarence L. Myers and bride, formerly Miss Alice Spencer, of Newbern, arrived last night to spend the holidays with Mr. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, No. 205 South Eighth street. Mr. and Mrs. Myers were married three or four weeks ago at the home of the bride in Newbern. He stole a march on his many friends here and did not let them know of his intended marriage, so they were at the station in great numbers to greet him and his bride when they arrived on the belated C. & Y. V. train last night. The couple were given a most cordial reception.

BAILEY-HOWARD NUPTIALS

CELEBRATED YESTERDAY.
Mr. Charles C. Bailey, of Suffolk, Va., and Miss Annie Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Howard, of this county, were united in marriage at 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton at the rectory of St. James' Episcopal Church in the presence of only a few friends. Mr. Bailey was accompanied by his friend and associate in the lumber business at Holly Ridge, N. C., Mr. W. C. Parker, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey left yesterday afternoon for Suffolk, Va., and other points on a bridal tour. They will return to Holly Ridge about the first of the year.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUPLES

MARRIED HERE YESTERDAY.
In the presence of a number of friends and relatives, Miss Margaret Robeson Willis and Mr. Leon T. Peacock, popular young couple of Bingham, S. C., were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. L. M. Love, 612 Chestnut street, yesterday morning, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. F. E. Willis, of Bingham, and a niece of Mrs. L. M. Love, of this city. Mr. C. L. Willis, brother of the bride, was among those who attended the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Peacock left yesterday afternoon for a bridal tour of ten days or two weeks to points in the North, after which they will be at home at Bingham, S. C. The couple formerly resided in Wilmington and for this reason they desired to be married here.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The sheriff's office at the Court House will close at 1 o'clock this afternoon and will not re-open again until Monday morning.

—The tug Alexander Jones, Capt. Sanders, arrived yesterday from New York, where she towed the schooner Mary A. Hall last week.

—By deed filed for record yesterday C. E. Goodwin and wife transfer to David R. Hines and wife, for \$300, lot on north side of Dawson, 132 feet west of 12th street, 33x100 feet in size.

—Beautiful decorations are being arranged at St. Paul's, Evangelical Lutheran church for the Christmas celebration and 60 incandescent lights were placed in the church yesterday by the J. W. Blake Electrical Company.

—Mr. Andrew Capps has been indicted in Justice George Harris' court by Mr. J. A. Hewlett, who charges him with trespass on his property on Masonboro Sound. The hearing will take place Saturday, January 1st.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. S. A. Flynn, of Currie, N. C., was in the city yesterday making business calls.

—Many friends of Mayor Walter G. MacRae will regret to learn that he was not able to be at his office yesterday afternoon, owing to a slight indisposition. He hopes to be down today.

—Among those registered at the Orton yesterday were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barrett, Hamlet; J. B. Council, Wampano; H. W. Ambrose, Conway, S. C.; Dr. J. S. Sanford, U. S. A., Fort Caswell; E. L. McNair, Laurinburg.

MYSTERIOUS ISLAND.

Explorer Returns From Enchanted Spot in California Bay.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 23.—The mystery and glamor surrounding Tiburon Island, Gulf of California, has been dispelled effectually through the return yesterday of explorers who had passed through Nogales, on October 18th, on their way to explore the island which they supposed to be inhabited by man-eating Seri Indians and to contain hidden treasure and rich mineral deposits. For five weeks the party prosecuted their explorations, finding no indication of anything of value of great interest. The island is 20 miles wide and 25 miles long and is of volcanic origin. It contains no human beings but hundreds of deer and myriads of wild pigeons. Inscriptions were found upon the visit there in 1905 of a rescue party in search of traces of the Grinnell exploring expedition, lost the year before.

Fireworks and toys at Rehder's Fourth Street bridge and under Buntz Hotel.

ZELAYA LEAVING NICARAGUA.

Will Proceed to Corinto Under Guard to Board Mexican Ship.
Managua, Dec. 23.—Ex-President Zelaya will leave here tomorrow and probably will go aboard the Mexican boat General Guerrero immediately. The gun boat is now lying in the harbor of Corinto.

Owing to the hostile demonstrations which have been going on here for the past few days against the old administration, it is likely that Zelaya will proceed to Corinto escorted by a strong guard. The former president has been keeping close to his residence and has been little seen in public.

News of the defeat of the Zelayan army at Rama has been carefully guarded from the public.

The present government is in no condition to oppose the advance of General Estrada's army. President Madriz has behind him a strong political force but few fighting men and no preparations have been made to repel an attack.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Passengers arriving here tonight on the steamship Dictator from Bluefields, Nicaragua, say that Secretary Knox is extolled on all sides and that the people of Bluefields, with characteristic fervor declare that they will raise a monument as a tribute to his statesmanship. The passengers expressed little surprise when told of General Estrada's victory at Rama.

Hardly a day passed, said the Dictator's passengers, that deserters from Vasquez's army did not come over to the forces of General Estrada.

JAPAN AND UNITED STATES.

Friendly Relations Growing Stronger, According to Ambassador.
Washington, Dec. 23.—That the friendly relations between the United States and Japan are growing stronger every day, was the declaration of Baron Yasuya Uchida, the newly appointed ambassador of the Japanese government to the United States, who arrived here today from San Francisco where he landed on December 17th.

The Baron was an attaché of the Japanese legation here in 1888 and in referring to that fact spoke of the pleasure it gave him to return to this country, adding that he felt as though he was among his friends.

"There is no pressing diplomatic question for me to deal with in the United States just now," he said, "and I know of nothing of importance that will come up in the immediate future."

"What about the question of immigration between the two countries?" the Baron was asked.

"That is satisfactorily adjusted," he replied. "We are keeping at home the laborers and poor emigrant classes of our country and only students and members of the mercantile and other privileged classes are coming here. As a consequence the number of Japanese in this country is decreasing. Our laborers are returning regularly to Japan and none are coming to take their places here. There will be no problem to deal with in that connection in this country."

MRS. HARRIMAN'S WEALTH.

Unable to Determine Amount Left to Her by Husband—Millions.

New York, Dec. 23.—Whether Mary Averell Harriman, the widow of the late E. H. Harriman is the richest woman in the world with more than \$200,000,000 or only a woman of comparatively moderate wealth is a matter tonight of the liveliest debate. On apparently trustworthy authority it was said today that an appraisal made by the State Comptroller's office upon which the inheritance tax will be determined, fixed the estate at \$149,000,000, and that, shortly before his death, Mr. Harriman transferred to his wife and his eldest son, W. Averell Harriman securities valued at over \$50,000,000.

On the other hand the New York Times will state positively tomorrow that Mr. Harriman left less than \$75,000,000, that he made no gifts of millions to his family before his death and that when all accounts are settled the net amount to be turned over to Mrs. Harriman may be nearer \$50,000,000 than \$75,000,000.

A. C. L. TO CHARLOTTE

Mass Meeting of Queen City Citizens Called to Consider Matter.
(Special Star Correspondence.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 23.—The Greater Charlotte Club issues a call for a mass meeting of citizens to be held on January 11th, for their endorsement of the plans of the Atlantic Coast Line for a survey from Wadesboro to Charlotte with a view of extending the company's line to this city. The Greater Charlotte Club for a year or more has been quietly at work on this scheme of better railroad connection and entertains great hopes of their ultimate success in bringing this great system to the city. The towns of Wadesboro and Monroe have been invited to cooperate in this great meeting of endorsement and a large delegation from each point is expected. Officials of the Coast Line will also be invited to be present. The meeting will take place at night in the Selwyn assembly hall.

FRANCE AND UNITED STATES

No Tariff Between Two Countries in Opinion of M. Calvet.

New York, Dec. 23.—There will be no tariff war between France and the United States, according to M. Auguste Calvet, a Senator of France from the Department of Charente-Inférieure, who has been in this country since November, 1908, to confer with representative Frenchmen. Before sailing for Havre today M. Calvet said he believed all schedules between the countries could be settled before next April arrival. "There will have to be concessions on both sides as there is no difference that cannot be settled without friction."

Thomas B. Flynn, of Elkton, Va., said to be a vaudeville actor, died in a hospital at Philadelphia from gas asphyxiation. He was overcome at an apartment house yesterday along with a woman companion. The latter gave the police the man's name and said she was Mrs. Jessie Merritt, of Geneva, Ohio. She was also overcome by the gas which escaped accidentally. It is believed from a story she will recover.

PLUCKY WOMAN, THIS

Struck Negro Purse Snatcher in Face and He Fleed.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Mary Prather, librarian at the Carnegie Library here, put a negro man to rout Tuesday night who attempted to snatch her purse about 6:30 o'clock on Cherry street, only two blocks from the public square. Mrs. Prather held on to the handle and the negro to the purse until the handle broke off and Mrs. Prather then struck the negro in the face several times with the handle and the negro dropped the purse and ran. It contained only 60 cents.

N. Y. BANKS CONSOLIDATE

Mechanics' National and the National Copper to Join Forces.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Mechanics' National Bank and the National Copper Bank, the names were changed to the Mechanics and Metals National Bank of New York. The capital stock was increased to \$6,000,000, and a 21 per cent dividend disbursed. The board of directors of the merged institution will consist of not less than twenty-five nor more than forty members.

BUYS CONCORD MILLS

L. W. Brander Becomes Proprietor Instead of Lessee of Property.

Concord, Dec. 23.—Mr. L. W. Brander has purchased the Magnolia Mills from the Magnolia Mills Co. of this city. Mr. Brander has operated this mill under a lease for the past three years and yesterday a deal was consummated whereby he becomes the owner of this valuable property. A large addition was added to the mill this past summer and Mr. Brander expects to make several other improvements in the future.

FURNITURE TO ADVANCE.

Meeting of Manufacturers in Winston-Salem so Decides.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 23.—The advisability of an increase in the price of furniture was discussed here at a meeting of the furniture manufacturers of North Carolina and Virginia, Tuesday afternoon. About 12 prominent manufacturers were present but no action was taken in the matter. One who was present informed your representative that the members regard an increase to be imperative on account of the increase in the price of raw material.

ANDERSON MAN KILLED.

Accidental Discharge of His Gun While Out Hunting.

Anderson, S. C., Dec. 23.—T. B. Clinkscales, a prominent citizen of Abbeville, accidentally shot and killed himself near Lowndesville late yesterday. He was out squirrel hunting, when his gun became entangled in the bushes, being discharged. The full load entered his body and caused almost instant death. He was 52 years old and is survived by his wife and six children. He was a brother of Mrs. H. G. Johnson, of this city.

BELIEVES DR. COOK DEAD.

Brother Gives Out Sensational Statement in New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—William L. Cook declared today he believed his brother, Dr. Cook, had met foul play abroad and feared he had been murdered. "I had a letter from Dr. Cook early this week," said his brother, "saying he was hurrying to Copenhagen with proofs. He should have reached Copenhagen. As he had been threatened with violence I fear his enemies have overtaken him."

THE SUGAR FRAUDS.

President Will Send no Special Message—Grand Jury.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The President has no intention of sending a special message to Congress demanding a congressional investigation of the sugar frauds in New York. Officials of the Department of Justice today declare that such an investigation would handicap the work of the government in recovering the duties lost. The grand jury is the proper investigating body, declared one high official.

GOVERNOR STARTLED

Maryland's Chief Executive's Life Endangered by Stray Bullet.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—The life of Governor Austin L. Crother, of this State, was endangered last evening when a negro during an altercation with a white man fired a shot at the latter at Hopkins place near Lombard street. No one was hurt but the report of the pistol so startled the Governor, who was on his way to take a train for Annapolis that he inquired if somebody was shooting at him.

YALE IS LEADING.

Second Round of Intercollegiate Tourney Concluded Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 23.—At the conclusion of play tonight in the second round of the intercollegiate tourney between Columbia, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, Yale was in the lead. The score now stands: Yale, 5 1 2 points; Harvard, 4 1 2 points; Columbia, 3 1 2 points; Princeton, 2 1 2 points. In today's play Yale beat Columbia 3 to 1 and Harvard beat Princeton 3 to 1.

NEW MILL FOR COLUMBIA.

One Hundred Thousand Dollar Enterprise Chartered Yesterday.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 23.—Columbia is to have a new \$100,000 cotton mill. The commission issued today to Cashier Berry, of the Loan & Exchange Bank, and Mr. Wannamaker, of Orangeburg, as incorporators of the Glencoe Cotton Mills.

OPENING OF CANAL.

New Orleans Commercial Bodies Planning for An Exposition.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Commercial bodies inaugurated a movement for holding an exposition here to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal, and the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city.

"Merry Christmas" for a cent—the Christmas stamp.

Will Be Open Christmas Night.

We Would Suggest any of the following for presents:--

Rings, Bracelets, Brooches, Locketts, Chains, Scarf Pins, Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Silver Hair Brushes, Silver Toilet Sets, Cut Glass, Water Set, Single Cut Glass Pieces, Studs, Umbrellas, Watch Fobs, Watch Chains, Necklaces.

AUGUST O. SCHUSTER
Successor To
Victor E. Zoeller & Co.

We guarantee all of our goods, and if not found satisfactory, will make them so.

Merry Christmas J. M. SOLKY & COMPANY Happy New Year
One week more to secure a sensible and suitable gift for Christmas. Santa Claus' headquarters for men's, boys' and children's Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

Clothes for Men, Boys and Children.
Hats in the best makes and styles.
Rain Coats and Overcoats.
Initial Handkerchiefs.
Socks in solid and fancy colors.
Ties, knitted silks and open ends.
Mufflers, all shapes.
Agent for Dr. Deimel's Underwear.
Suspenders, Silk Lisle and Cotton Web.
We carry a big variety of Suit Cases, Hand Bags and Trunks. Our line of Shirts and Emery and Manhattan makes are the best in the city. Just received in time for the holidays line of Men's Bath Robes in neat designs. No one urged to buy, we ask you only to look at our display and we will gladly serve you.
Our store will remain open every night this week until 9 o'clock, with the exception of Friday night, until 12 o'clock.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.
Phone 617 Masonic Building.

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held by Richmond Business Men Last Night.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 23.—The reception held tonight under the auspices of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce in behalf of the objects of the American Embassy Association was a complete success. The attendance was large and representative. Clarence Jones and Frederick Townsend Martin, both of New York, president and vice president, respectively of the association, and Mayor Richardson, of Richmond, made addresses, and resolutions, offered by John Skelton Williams in favor of the government's owning suitable homes for its ambassadors in foreign capitals were adopted unanimously.

Everybody must go to Rehder's popular store today.

Buy your Christmas presents today at the big store, Rehder's.

BARONESS VAUGHAN WINS

Court in France Decided in Favor of Her—Seals Removed.

Pointoise, France, Dec. 23.—The court today decided in favor of Baroness Vaughan and ordered the removal of the seals which had been placed upon her property at Ballcourt. Atorneys for the daughters of the late King Leopold had sought to seize the residence given the Baroness by her father and as further step had placed seals indicating the claim ownership upon the property.

A dispute over a pool game yesterday resulted in Luther Smith, the 19-year-old son of S. L. Smith, a Frisco railroad conductor, shooting H. L. Martin, tower watchman of the terminal at Birmingham, Ala., three times. The bullets entered the abdomen inflicting mortal wounds. The boy walked to the county jail and surrendered.

INDICTED FOR PEONAGE.

Charges Preferred by Federal Grand Jury Against Seven.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 23.—It developed today that seven men were indicted by the recent Federal court grand jury as a result of charges that Wash Gardner, negro of Butler county, was held in peonage. Butler, Andrew and Sam Searcy, Henry Shanks and Lloyd Kilgough are indicted for alleged enslavement of the negro and John Searcy and Dr. K. W. Harrison, for alleged suppression of testimony. Dr. Harrison refused to testify before the grand jury. All the parties who are from Cronshaw and Butler counties, made bonds in the sum of \$2,000 for trial on January 24th.

All wholesale orders for fireworks having been filled, we are selling the balance at any old price at Gaylord's.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 52 3/4 cents.
ROBIN—Market, steady \$5.00 per barrel.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, \$4.00 per barrel for hard; \$4.00 for dip and \$4.00 for virgin.
 Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing sold; rosin, steady \$2.50; for firm \$1.50; crude turpentine firm \$1.50; \$2.00 and \$2.75.

Spirits turpentine—7
 Rosin—8
 Tar—10
 Crude turpentine—19
 Receipts, same day last year: 7 casks spirits turpentine; 23 barrels rosin; 202 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.
 Market—Quiet 13 3/4 for middling.
 Same day last year—Quiet, 8 7/8 cents.
 Receipts—750 bales, same day last year 1,025 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 23.)
PEANUTS—North Carolina, 1910, 70; extra prime, 1910, 70; extra prime, 1909, 70; Spanish, 1910, 65; 1909, 65.
CORN—Firm 90¢ per bushel for mix.
C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18¢; shoulders 14¢; sides 14¢.
BIGGS—Good demand 27¢ per dozen.
CHICKENS—Spring 20¢; grown 35¢.
BEEF—Firm at 20¢.
TALLOW—Firm at 1 1/2¢ per pound.
WHEAT—Good demand at 20¢.
SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 50¢ per bushel for new year.
WOOL—Duro 10¢; fine of burr 24¢.
EGGS—50¢ per dozen.
POULTRY—Small 10¢ per pound; large 12¢.
SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, old \$1.25; 20¢.
TURKEYS—Good demand 15¢ per lb; foot; dressed 18¢.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—In some respects at least today's cotton market was the most remarkable of the season, if not in the history of the trade. Prices reached the 16 cent level predicted before Christmas for some weeks past, but notwithstanding this and the impending four day adjournment which in belief would normally have caused general realizing or liquidation, offerings were not heavy enough to force any reaction of consequence, and there was, perhaps the most active business from start to finish that has ever occurred the day before the Christmas holidays.

No attempts were made on the floor to indulge in the usual holiday festivities and the market was usually steady at a net advance of 1/4 to 3/4 points. New crop months being relatively firm. The market opened steady at an advance of 1/4 to 3/4 points and very soon after sold at 16 cents. There was realizing enough to send prices off 3/4 points from the best, but Liverpool showed continued strength after the local opening and the market during the middle of the day worked into still higher ground with March contracts selling at 15 1/2 and May at 16 1/2 or 9 to 10 points higher. Numerous reports of strong southern markets and an increasing from mills helped to inspire confidence in the local side of the proposition and while there was heavy realizing by some of the big western and southern interests at times during the middle of the day, with September contracts selling up to 11 1/2 or 20 points net higher. The close was steady 2 1/2 to 3 points above the best.

Southern spot markets officially reported were unchanged to 1-5¢ higher. Many of the same mills who had been selling for 16 cents for cotton are now taking 17 cents during January and ultimately still higher prices on the theory that the improved demand recently reported from the southern spot markets forebodes a revival of general trade activity after the first of the year. All three of the big markets will be closed from tonight until Tuesday markets.

Receipts today at the ports 23,280 bales, against 24,215 last week and 88,600 last year. For the week 228,000 bales against 201,150 bales last week and 286,230 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 3,438 bales against 12,230 last week and at Houston 8,648 bales against 7,400 last year.
 Spot cotton offers middling uplands 15 1/2; middling 16 1/2; sales 100; futures opened steady and closed steady.
 Month. Open. Close.
 December 15.31 15.31
 January 15.35 15.35
 February 15.35 15.35
 March 15.35 15.35
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 August 15.35 15.35
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 October 15.35 15.35
 November 15.35 15.35

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 15 1/2-16; net receipts 7,650; stock 22,800.
 New Orleans—Firm, 15 1/2-16; net receipts 2,438; stock 15,716.
 Mobile—Firm, 15 1/4; net receipts 833; sales 51,672.
 Savannah—Steady, 15; net receipts 4,617; stock 12,370.
 Charleston—Steady, 14 3/4; net receipts 1,333; stock 28,241.
 Wilmington—Quiet, 14 3/4; net receipts 750; stock 23,390.
 Norfolk—Firm, 15 3/8; net receipts 1,133; stock 23,358.
 Baltimore—Nominal, 15 3/8; net receipts 12,929; stock 12,942.
 Boston—Quiet, 15 1/2.
 Philadelphia—Steady, 15 1/2; stock 3,631.
 Port Townsend—Net receipts 1,020.
 San Francisco—Net receipts 1,020.
 Total today, at all ports, net receipts 23,280; Great Britain 15,04; France 3,200; Continent 3,235; Japan 5,535; Mexico 1,540.
 Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 1,858,000; Great Britain 1,142,000; France 680,291; Continent 1,412,000; Japan 23,590; Mexico 9,550.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15 7/8-16; net receipts 8,539; stock 10,625.
 Augusta—Steady, 15 3/8; net receipts 1,807; stock 11,253.
 Memphis—Firm, 15 3/8; net receipts 2,303; stock 210,244.
 St. Louis—Steady, 15 1/4; net receipts 402; stock 41,761.
 Cincinnati—Net receipts 762; stock 9,567.
 Little Rock—Quiet, 14 7/8; net receipts 1,041; stock 34,281.
 Louisville—Firm, 15 3/8.
 Total today, net receipts 15,025; across receipts 17,588; shipments 13,150; sales 7,600; stock 497,913.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Spot moderate business done, prices 8 points higher. American middling fair 8 1/2; good middling 8 3/4; middling 8 1/2; low middling 8 1/4; good ordinary 7 1/2; ordinary 7 1/4.
 The sales of the day were 6,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7,000 American. Receipts 6,000 bales including 1,300 American.
 Futures opened steady and closed steady December 8 1/2; December and January 8 1/2; January and February 8 1/2; February and March 8 1/2; March and April 8 1/2; April and May 8 1/2; May and June 8 1/2; June and July 8 1/2; July and August 8 1/2; August and September 8 1/2; September and October 8 1/2; October and November 8 1/2; November and December 8 1/2.

DICK BROS. & CO. COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 23.—The market was strong today in spite of the proximity of the Christmas holidays. It had less of holiday appearance than any market since the early year. The May option crossed 16 cents and at this level there was heavy realizing but the cotton was well taken and the big bulls did nothing more than

let go enough cotton to check any tendency to give the market a runaway appearance. The spot situation all over the South is developing impressive strength and evidence goes to show that the stocks at the uncounted interior towns are smaller than in the last ten years. Mills called a great deal of cotton which accounts for the strength of December, January and March. There was also more or less buying of October by mills which represents purchases against commitments extending into the year.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—The dry goods market today was quiet; cotton goods are firm and a moderate amount of trading in the best known staple domestics is going on. Yarns are steady but quiet. There are being ordered quite freely in anticipation of advances which go into effect January 1. Retailers still report an excellent holiday trade.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—The movements in individual stocks which have made the feature of the stock market for several days past were even more violent today while the general list was even more inert and unresponsive. This may have been partly due to the question of the movement themselves for which there was no adequate explanation in any known developments. Reading second preferred was rushed up to 117 1/2 by leaps and bounds. At the close of the reorganization of the company, the stock was at 117 1/2. The first preferred was problematical and the advantage at that and subsequent periods of transforming the second preferred stock was perceptible. At most equal opportunity surrounded the stock in Rock Island. The failure of the preferred stock to advance in the movement increased the suspicion felt towards it. Connected with the Rock Island movement in the day's conjectures. The demand was alleged to come from Rock Island interests and this renewed the surmises of a coming juncture of Rock Island and Lehigh Valley through the medium of the Wabash. The early strength in Pennsylvania was due to the dividend hopes raised by yesterday's action in the dividends of two of its subsidiary companies.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—Money on call, firm 7 to 7 1/2 per cent, ruling rate 1 1/2, closing 1 1/2, offered at 1 1/2. Time loans a little firmer and not very active, sixty days 4 1/2 to 5 per cent, ninety days 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 to 1 1/2 per cent. Six months 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 to 48 3/4 for sixty day bills and at 48 1/2 for demand. Commercial bills 48 1/2 to 48 3/4. Bar silver 52 3/4. Mexican dollars 41.

N. Y. BONDS.

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Great Northern pfd	143 1/4
Illinois Central	50 1/4
Interborough Met. pfd	24 3/4
Interborough Met. pfd	24 3/4
Inter. Marine pfd	23 1/2
International Paper	15 1/4
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Iowa Central	22 1/2
Kansas City Southern	43 5/8
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Louisville & Nashville	153 1/2
Minneapolis & St. Louis	52
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	48 3/4
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National Lead	113
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New York Central	123
New York, Ontario & Western	49
Norfolk & Western	84 1/2
Northern Pacific	144 7/8
Pacific Mail	115 3/8
Pennsylvania	136 3/4
People's Gas	115 3/8
Pittsburgh C. & S. L.	52
Pressed Steel Car	103 1/2
Pullman Palace Car	103 1/2
Railway Steel Spring	171 3/4
Reading	45 1/2
Republic Steel	45 1/2
Rock Island Co. pfd	48 3/4
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St. Louis & San Fran. pfd	32 7/8
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	79 7/8
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	89 1/2
Southern Pacific	133 7/8
Southern Railway	31 1/2
Southern Railway pfd	31 1/2
Tennessee Copper	35
Texas & Pacific	35
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	70
Union Pacific	50 5/8
Union Pacific pfd	50 5/8
United States Realty	81
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United States Rubber	51 1/2
United States Steel	70 5/8
United States Steel pfd	125
Utah Copper	50 3/4
Virginia Carolina Chemical	10 1/4
Wabash pfd	31 3/4
Western Union	76 1/2
Western Union	76 1/2
Wisconsin Central	48
Standard Oil Co.	630

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington.

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Kenley (Br.) 2,331 tons, Wilson, Walter

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Hesperia (Br.) 3,335 tons, Enos, Alexander

Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

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F. & T. Lupton, 707 tons, Longstreet, C. D.

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NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—Flour unchanged.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Rye—Quiet.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.27 1/2 nominal

elevator domestic and 1.27 1/2 to 1.28; No. 2

adroit to arrive. Options closed 7-8¢ net

higher. December 1.23 3/4; May 1.18 1/4;

July 1.09 1/2.

Corn—Easy; No. 2, 70 1/4 elevator domestic

THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture.
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1909.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 23: Temperature at 8 A. M. 26 degrees; 8 P. M. 38 degrees; maximum 45 degrees; minimum 25 degrees; mean 35 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 2.20 inches.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Thursday 3 1/2 feet.

Weather Forecast.
For North Carolina—Fair Friday, Saturday partly cloudy; light to moderate northwest to north winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 23.
Sun Rises.....7:11 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:09 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 45 min.
High water at Southport 5:37 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 8:37 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

C. H. Fore—Half Price.
S. P. Cowan—Shooting Notice.
W. B. Cooper—Merry Xmas.
Crystal Palace—Free Turkey.
Palace Market—For Today.
Academy of Music—Four Pickers.
C. Denen—Administrator's Notice.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Books for Gifts.
Sol Bear & Co.—Every Sip is Delicious.
August O. Schuster—We Would Suggest.
Murchison National Bank—Merry Xmas.
Wilmington Furniture Co.—Closing Out Sale.
The Citizens Building and Loan Association—Closed Saturday and New Year.

Business Locals.

W. S. Mitz—Shooting Notice.
Baggett Bros.—Cake Supplies.
Mechanics' Home Association—New Series.
Mechanics' Home Association—Closed Saturday.

THE BATH TUB MURDER.

Remove Prisoners to New Jersey For Trial—Detectives South.

New York, Dec. 23.—Now that the grand jury of Essex county, N. J., has indicted all three sisters, Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Carolina W. Martin and Mrs. Mary Sneed, for the murder of Mrs. Orey W. M. Sneed, the East Orange bath tub victim, the New Jersey authorities have 30 days in which to remove Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Sneed from New York county for trial. Prosecutor Mott, of Newark, N. J., said today that he expects to have all three sisters within his jurisdiction by the middle of next week. He will endeavor to place them all on trial at the same time but it is likely that the defendants will oppose him and ask for a separate trial for each woman.

It is now thought that the prosecutor will have all his evidence in hand in time to present his case early in the new year. It was understood tonight that, in the meantime, he will leave for the South to investigate the career of the Wardlaws there.
There was a rumor in Brooklyn tonight that New Jersey detectives, who visited that borough today, discovered 30 more suicide notes similar to those found when Mrs. Martin was arrested in an uptown hotel. Prosecutor Mott tonight would not confirm or deny the rumor.

TOURIST TRAINS TO BEGIN.

Monday, January 3rd, Will Mark Inauguration of Service.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 23.—According to a special order just issued from the office of the Superintendent of Transportation of the Atlantic Coast Line, in this city the through winter tourist train from New York to Florida, which will be operated for the first time on Monday morning, January 3rd, The train is known as the "Through Florida and West Indian Limited," while along the line of the company it is often times styled as the "Vestibule." The trains will be known as Nos. 87 and 88. Train No. 87 will leave Richmond, southbound on Monday, January 3rd, while No. 88 will leave Florence, S. C., the first northbound train on Wednesday, January 5th. After this date the trains will be operated daily except Sunday, passing this city daily except Monday. This train will in no wise effect the Palmetto Limited, Nos. 83 and 86 nor the through trains Nos. 85 and 82, this being an additional train for the winter season. The inauguration of this train will make six through passenger trains passing this city during the night.

NEGRO STABBED WHITE MAN

Serious Affray in Brunswick County Late Yesterday Evening.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)
El Paso, N. C., Dec. 23.—While returning from Wilmington this evening about 6 o'clock, just beyond Town Creek bridge, on the road, a serious altercation took place between John Holden, a young negro about 19 years of age, and young Mr. Jake Sullivan, about 22 years of age, the latter having been stabbed by the negro in the region of the heart and struck a terrific blow in the face with a bottle. Holden was arrested on a warrant from Magistrate Jackson Johnson, of Winabow, and is being held in custody by Sheriff Knox without bail, pending the result of Sullivan's wounds. Mr. Sullivan was carried to a nearby house after the stabbing and given attention by Dr. E. G. Goodman, who says that while quite severe, the wound is not necessarily fatal. Holden lives about two miles from the scene of the affair and was arrested there tonight.

NEGRO'S HEROIC WORK

Saved Lives of Score of Persons in Kansas City Yesterday.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Heroic work on the part of Washington Johnson, the negro janitor, saved the lives of a score of persons by arousing them from sleep in the Rialto building, a five story office structure, at Ninth street and Grand avenue, which was destroyed early today by a fire, caused by a gas explosion. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last Winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Robt. R. Bellamy.

XMAS TRAVEL HEAVY.

Two Conductors on Every Train and Extra Express—Shop Changes.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 23.—Effective yesterday the Atlantic Coast Line placed upon all of its through passenger trains assistant conductors to assist in the work of taking fares and caring for the large amount of travel just at this season of the year. Additional accommodations in both sleepers and day coaches have been necessary during the past week, as the holiday travel is unusually large. Most of the trains are crowded while the station in this city is thronged both day and night with persons arriving and leaving, as well as numbers who are required to make this a junction point. The holiday sales of tickets are large.

That whiskey is coming this way from Virginia is an acknowledged fact but there are few who have any idea of the amount of business in this line that is being done just at this season of the year. There are 16 or a hundred "package expressors" that are around the express office at the arrival of every express from the North. One express car on train No. 49 from Norfolk this afternoon was not sufficient to handle, nor did it have the time to lose in order to load the large number of packages so the Southern Express Company secured additional accommodations on a freight train coming this way, and one or more cars have been loaded with the fire water for the territory in Eastern Carolina. When it is taken into consideration that there are two express cars daily from Norfolk some idea of the amount of shipments can be learned.

From a circular just issued by the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line, at Wilmington, it appears that the office of Master Mechanic of the shops of the company here, from which Mr. J. J. Thomas recently resigned, will be abolished. Mr. J. H. Painter, of this city, who has held the position of roundhouse foreman heretofore, has been promoted to Shop Superintendent, having charge of the shops of the company here. Mr. G. J. Mills, of Richmond, a former engineer, has been promoted to roadway foreman of the Richmond and Norfolk districts while Mr. George C. Jones, also an engineer, will fill the same position for the territory between here and Florence.

MARK TWAIN WOULDN'T DIE

Humorist Says Not at This Time of His Life—Cheerful Greeting.

Redding, Conn., Dec. 23.—"I hear the newspapers say I am dying," declared Mark Twain in a signed statement issued by him today as a result of reports relative to his health following his recent return from Bermuda. "The charge is not true," continues the humorist, "I would not do such a thing at my time of life. I am behaving as good as I can. Merry Christmas to everybody."

If you don't find it elsewhere, try J. T. Burke, the Jeweler. dec23.

Buy Christmas Candy To-day

—and buy Nunnally's delicious confections—the finest in quality, in purity, in downright goodness made in the South.

Nunnally's

Candies—famed for 25 years—are used exclusively by those who choose only the best.

A fine, fresh supply now ready at J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

SEE US TODAY. We have them all. Dressed chickens, turkeys, fresh pork hams, corned hams, nice celery, lettuce and cranberries. All kinds of fruits and vegetables to be found in city. Palace Market, Phones 72 and 632. de 24-11

CAKE SUPPLIES. Cooking butter, good enough for the table, 25 cents per pound. Eggs 50 cents per dozen at Baggett Bros., 113 South Front street. Phone 173. de 24-11

THERE WILL BE A Fine Shooting Match at Front and Greenfield streets. Come and try your luck. There will be plenty of chickens and turkeys for all. W. S. Mitz. de 24-11

MECHANICS' Home Association office will be closed Christmas day, pay B. & L. dues Monday, and subscribe for stock in the new 40th series, which opens Jan. 1st, 1910. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de 24-11

30th SERIES B. & L. Stock in Mechanics' Home Association opens January 1st, 1910; subscribe now. W. M. Cumming, secretary, 108 Princess street. de 24-11

FIGS FROM TURKEY. The largest package for 15 cents on the market, something new in the United States. A few fresh eggs left, the best bananas, sweetest oranges, new raisins, new nutmegs, etc. etc. etc. New crop of extra Baracoa coconuts, the best. We sell any amount to anybody for cash and make no deliveries. The Hicks Co., 311 North Front street. de 23-11

FOR SALE at a bargain lady's diamond brooch, 18 diamonds. Address G., Box 283. de 23-11

WOOD—For good well seasoned wood, call up 146. W. W. Koch Shingle Mills. de 23-11

LOST MONEY LOUSE. In days gone by how I was wise. I was a money lender and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, etc. etc. to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7-11

FOR SALE—Engines. To reduce our stock of machinery before December 31st, we will sacrifice the following: 14x20 inches H. & I. and 18x24 inches, Stearns slide valve engines—14x20 Atlas four valve—16 inch and 18x16 inches Ball compound. Greensboro Supply Co., Dept. W. Greensboro, N. C. de 23-11

PHOTOGRAPHS—Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18-11

QUAL ON TOAST. Lynhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantial that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any table. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, Sunday, etc. Open day and night. Sunday too. no 30-11

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS. I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$50.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M. through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 121 Market street, phone 573. de 15-11

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The new Studio, Folz & Kendrick, 111 Market street. no 27-11

SULTANA OLIVE OIL. Mr. Vafadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, 15th and Castle, Phone 506. Quarts \$1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4-11

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, \$10.00 per thousand; \$1.25 per hundred, at British seamen's mess, 15th and Castle, Phone 506. Also have a complete line of Christmas novelties. J. O. Brock, 121 Market street, phone 573. de 17-11

FOR SALE—under foreclosure of mortgage, complete and modern equipped hotel parlors, tobacco, cold drink and near business, best location in Wilmington. Date of sale December 20th, 1909. Kellum & Longbottom, attorneys. de 17-11

UNREDEEMED diamonds will be displayed in our jewelry window at Uncle Charles Pawn Shop, 408 Market street. de 15-11

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished dwelling on North Third street, near Walnut. Smith & Lord agents, insurance and Real Estate, 120 Princess street, phone 769. Also have dwellings in other good locations. de 19-11

FOR SALE—Beautiful building lots on Market street, in lot at 14th and 15th streets. Smith & Lord Agents, 120 Princess street. Phone 769. de 19-11

ANNOVER B. & L. Association will open its ninth series on January 1st, 1910. Books will be open on Saturday and Sunday, January 8th. Will only sell 500 shares in this series. If you want stock early, early and notify the secretary at Wilder's Real Estate office, No. 207 Princess street and he will be glad to receive your order. No better way to begin the new year. Every dollar saved is a dollar made. John J. Zouhrou, secretary. de 19-11

GIVE US YOUR ORDERS for your Christmas turkeys, geese, chickens and eggs. We will have them arriving every day this week. C. D. Gilbert & Co., 212 Market street. de 19-11

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, lard, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns. N. C. Hams a specialty. C. B. Bellows, 16 North Second street. Phone 1276. de 12-11

MECHANICS' Home Association, 30th series B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1910. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 12-11

FOR RENT—That desirable seven-room cottage No. 713 Chestnut street. All modern conveniences. Apply on premises or 315 South Fifth street. de 19-11

FOR RENT—New, up-to-date apartment, having all the conveniences of a modern house, northeast corner of Fifth and Ann streets. Possession given immediately. Apply to W. G. Whitehead, phone 229 or 638. de 19-11

FOR RENT—Store No. 116 Market, between Front and Second streets. This is one of the largest and best fitted-up stores in the city. Suitable for any kind of business, fine location, size of store 25x120 feet, with large plate glass show window, fine shelving and counter (Granolithic) sidewalk. Public alley in rear. B. H. J. Auren. de 19-11

"JOHN! Why don't you go to Smith & Lord, 120 Princess street, and buy one of those beautiful building lots they advertise before you have to pay a profit to a quicker purchaser." That's right again now is the time to buy. Smith & Lord, phone 769. de 19-11

THE CITIZENS BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. Organized 1882.

The above Association will issue on Monday, January 3, 1910 its THIRTY-THIRD series of stock. This issue is limited in number and parties desiring stock can have the same reserved for them by notifying the undersigned. JOHN D. BELLAMY, JR., Secretary. de 24-11

NOTE.—The Association will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Days and payments due those days will be received on the Mondays following. de 24-11

NOTICE. The Sheriff's office will be closed for Christmas from 1 P. M. Friday to Monday morning. Tax-payers will please take notice. S. P. COWAN, Sheriff. de 24-11

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J. W. H. FUCHS

Buster Brown Shoes for Boys and Girls.

Clothing for Men and Boys.

Suits Made to Order.

J. W. H. FUCHS
128 to 134 S. Front St.
Phone 800.
Holeproof Hose and Stockings.

ACADEMY

SCHLOSS THEATRE CIRCUIT

ALL NEXT WEEK (Save Thursday)

THE FOUR PICKERTS

And Their Big Company.

MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 27th.

"HELLO BILL."

Seats on sale Saturday at the Crystal Palace and the usual free courtesy to the ladies.

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The Freight Depot and Storage Warehouses.

Of the Seaboard Air Line will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 25th, 1909, and Saturday, Jan. 1st, 1910, except for delivery of perishable freight between the hours of 9 and 16 A. M.

F. A. FETTER, JR. Agent. de 24-11

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE R. R. CO.

"NOTICE"

The freight warehouses of this company will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25th, 1909, and Saturday, January 1st, 1910. Should there be perishable freight or live stock for delivery on these dates, freight depot will be open from 10 A. M. to 11 A. M. for the delivery of such freight.

Local freight trains on the Wilmington district, Nos. 301, 316, 324 and 325, 320, 321, 322 and 323 will be annulled on Saturday, December 25th, Monday, December 27th, 1909, and Saturday, January 1st, and Monday, January 3rd, 1910.

A. J. MOORE, JR. Freight Agent. A. C. L. R. R. de 23-24-30-31

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

to all our friends and customers.

We thank you one and all for your contribution to our success during the year that is now closing, and shall be even more grateful for your favors during 1910.

W. B. Cooper,

Importer and Jobber.

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